

# The Rider

## Record Book

Ages 9-11 as of January 1 of the current year

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Requirements

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### Signatures

By signing this page, the undersigned have read the requirements and instructions for completion of this record book. The member understands that a score of 70 points or higher is required to complete the project and compete for awards. By signing my name below, I agree with, and understand the project requirements.

Member's Signature	
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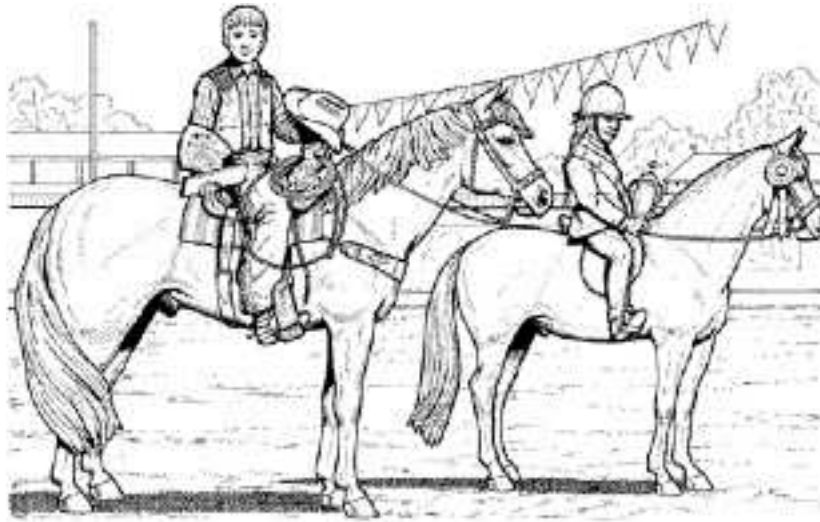
Parent's Signature	
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Parent Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing my name as leader of the club I verify that this member:

- Is in good standing with the club
- Has read and understands the Requirements and knows a score of 70 or higher is required to compete for awards.
- Has read and understands the instructions for completing the record book
- Completed this record book in the current year to the best of the members ability.

Leader's Signature	
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**The Rider**  
**Horse and Pony Project Record Book**  
**ages 9-11 as of January 1 of the current year**

<b>Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>City/State/Zip</b>			
<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>4-H Age</b>	
<b>Years in horse project</b>		<b>4-H Club Name</b>	
<b>Date Record Began</b>		<b>Date Record Completed</b>	
<b>Horsemaster Level (Check one)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov W/T <input type="checkbox"/> Nov Int <input type="checkbox"/> Nov Adv <input type="checkbox"/> Jun Int <input type="checkbox"/> Jun Adv <input type="checkbox"/> Sen Int <input type="checkbox"/> Sen Adv <input type="checkbox"/> Horsemaster		
<b>4-H Club Leader</b>			
<b>Leader phone #</b>		<b>Exhibitor #</b>	

**4-H Motto "To Make The Best Better"**

## Description of Project Horse/Pony

Project Horse/Pony Photo

A photo of your project animal is required. Photo should show entire horse clearly.

### Horse Information

Name of Horse		Nickname	
Breed	Registration #	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Registered	
Color	<input type="checkbox"/> Mare <input type="checkbox"/> Gelding <input type="checkbox"/> Foal/Yearling	Year Foaled	
Horse's Height	Horse's Weight		
Purchase Date	Or Lease Date		

Describe your horse using proper terminology for breed, color, sex, markings, etc.  
 (example: I ride an American Paint Quarter Horse who is a tobiano and white Gelding etc...)

# Horse Health

Veterinarian Name		Phone #	
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## Vital Signs

Have someone help you take your horse's vital signs

My horse's temperature is:		Respiration is:		Pulse is:	
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## Immunizations

Minimum immunizations are required to participate in the Kent Co Youth Fair (consult your club leader). Please consult your veterinarian for the shots he/she recommends for your horse. Include a copy of immunization documentation at the end of the record book.

What does "immunization" mean?	

Why do you immunize your horse?	

## Deworming

Why do you deworm your horse?	

How often do you give your horse/pony medication to kill the parasites ("worms")?	
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## Dental Care "Teeth"

Equine Dentist's Name		Phone #	
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How do you take care of your horse or pony's teeth?	

## Hoof Care

Farrier's Name		Phone #	
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How often do you get your horse or pony's hooves trimmed?	

Does your horse have shoes? If so, why do you have shoes put on your horse or pony?	

## Coggins Test (Attach a copy of your project horse's coggins test at the end of the record book)

## Exams, Illnesses and Injuries

Did your horse or pony get hurt or sick this year? If so, tell us about it! If not, how did you keep your horse or pony healthy?	

## Feeding and Bedding

Tell us about where your horse or pony lives.	
Does your horse or pony have a barn or shelter to sleep in? Can you describe it?	
Do you use any kind of bedding for your horse or pony to sleep on? If so, what kind?	
Do you feed your horse or pony grain? Can you tell us about it?	
Does your horse or pony get hay? If so, please describe it.	
Does your horse or pony need any medicine or special supplements? If so, what are they?	
Does your horse or pony get treats? If so, can you tell us about it?	
Do you give your horse or pony a salt block? If so can you tell us about it?	

## Purchases and Gifts

Tell us about all the stuff that you got new for your horse or pony this year!

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# Project Plans

What new things did you learn from your horse project this year?	

What new things did you teach your horse?	

What would you like to learn next year?	

# Educational Experiences

Please list any seminars, clinics, demonstrations, meeting presentations or educational books that you completed this year. (Examples: Showmanship Clinic at MSU; Equine Nutrition Speaker at 4H group meeting; Vet-A-Visit; Communicating with Your Horse-book by John Lyons; Learning to Groom video)

<b>Date</b>		<b>Event/Topic</b>	
<b>What I learned:</b>			
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<b>What I learned:</b>			
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<b>What I learned:</b>			



# Equine Report or Story about Project horse

Please add additional pages as needed

Subject/Title	
	

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## Instructions for completing your Horse Record Book

### A) Signatures

- All signatures are required. A parent signature is optional if the member is 18 years of age or older.

### B) Cover Page

- 4-H age is the 4-H member's age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4H year.
- Years in horse project do not include years as an Explorer and does include the current year.
- Horsemaster levels are defined as Novice Walk/Trot, Novice Intermediate, Novice Advanced, Junior Intermediate, Junior Advanced, Senior Intermediate, Senior Advanced, or Horsemaster.
- Date record completed should reflect the date of the last entry.

### C) Description of project horse/pony and alternate horse/pony

- Photo(s) must clearly show the full body view of the horse(s).
- The description of the horse(s) must be written using proper terminology.

#### **D) Horse Health**

- Health records should begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> and end when the record book is considered complete (should match end date on cover of record).
- Include a copy of your horse's immunization record (e.g. copy of vet bill, copy of packaging)
- Include a copy of your horse's Coggins test results at the end of the record book.
- If no illness/injury or dental care, explain what you did to maintain your horse's health.

#### **E) Feeding and Bedding Summary**

- Describe bedding used such as straw or pine shavings. If no bedding is used, please explain (e.g. horse is kept outside with shelter).
- Describe your feed in terms you understand such as pellet or sweet feed, brand of feed used. Consider inserting a tag off the feed bag to document contents of feed. Do not include actual samples.
- Describe hay and pasture using proper terminology such as alfalfa, timothy, grass, etc.
- Describe medicine, supplements, treats, and salt/mineral blocks if provided.

#### **F) Purchases and Gifts**

- This is a listing of items that you purchased or received as a gift that you use for your horse.
- Include individual costs and total. If item was a gift, estimate the value.
- Records should begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **G) Project Plans**

- Answer all three questions regarding your goals and plans.

#### **H) Educational Experiences**

- List experiences starting as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Examples include seminars, clinics, and informational book(s) you read and meeting presentations. A general 4-H club meeting does not count as an educational experience unless there is a special presentation, specific educational topics discussed or speaker.

#### **I) Show Record**

- Keep track of shows and results starting as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- You should include the Kids Fun Night Out (KFNO) shows.
- Check the box if you did not show your horse. You are not penalized for not being able to show. However, please tell us why you were unable to show.

#### **J) Equine Report or Story**

- The report or story must be equine-related. Topics could be about your project horse, something you learned about horses at a training session, a personal experience you had, etc.

#### **K) Time Spent with Your Horse**

- Keep track of the time you spend with your horse feeding, stall cleaning, grooming, and riding or time working with your horse.
- Do not put lines with arrows through sections.
- Total your time at the bottom of each page.

**L) 4-H Meeting Attendance**

- Include the time you spend at your 4-H club meetings.
- Meeting topics would be a one or two word description of what was covered at the meeting

**M) 4-H Mounted Meeting Attendance and/or Riding Lessons**

- Include the time you spend at your 4-H club mounted meetings or riding lessons
- Describe what was learned at the meeting or riding lesson
- Multiple lines may be used to describe what was learned

**N) General**

- All pages must be in the correct order.
- If you did not make any entries on a page, the page must still be included when turning your book in. Include any explanations as to why a page is left blank or if you cannot meet expected requirements.
- The book may be decorated or enhanced as long as all pages are included and kept in order. Additional pages, photos and memories must be at the end of the record book.
- Do not include pages from previous years unless they are part of a story or report you are including.
- Consider using dividers with tabs to organize your record book (especially for the extra information included at the end of the record book).
- Clearly label reports and stories.
- Reports and stories must include date authored.
- The record book is available on diskette. See your leader for instructions.
- You must be using the current record book for the present calendar year.

# The Rider Record book

Judge's page and scoring Guide

You must achieve a **score of 70 or more in the required elements section** to complete your horse project. If your horse project is considered incomplete, you may exhibit your horse project at the youth fair. However, your participation will be considered Exhibition meaning you will not be eligible for ribbons or be considered for trophies.

<b>X</b>	<b>Section/Elements</b>	<b>Score Possible</b>	<b>Score Achieved</b>
	<b>General Elements (required)</b>		
	Required project animal photographs	2	
	Description page Horse information	3	
	Description of horse project	3	
	Records begin on September 1 (*see Instruction Page for exceptions)	2	
	<b>Total for this section:</b>	<b>10</b>	
	<b>Horse Health (required)</b>		
	Vital Signs	4	
	Immunizations	4	
	Deworming	4	
	Dental Care	3	
	Hoof Care	4	
	Coggins Test/Immunization documentation	2	
	Examination/Illness/Injury	4	
	<b>Total for this section</b>	<b>25</b>	
	<b>Feeding &amp; Bedding (required)</b>		
	Description of living conditions	2	
	Description of Grain (no samples please)	2	
	Description of Hay (no samples please)	2	
	Description of Salt block/Supplements/ treats	6	
	Description of Bedding/Barn	4	
	<b>Total for this section</b>	<b>16</b>	
	<b>Project Plans/ Education / Shows (required)</b>		
	Purchases and Gifts	3	
	Project Plans	6	
	Educational Experiences (3 required) 2 points per experience	6	
	Individual Horse Show Record	2	
	Report or Story	8	
	4 months of Care and Riding sheets	12	
	<b>Total for this section</b>	<b>37</b>	

<b>Signatures and general appearance</b>	
Neatness/Overall appearance/ required order	9
All required signatures	3
<b>Total for this section</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Subtotal of Required Points</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>A SCORE OF 70 OR MORE IN THE REQUIRED ELEMENTS SECTION</b>	
<b>Bonus Section (optional)</b>	
<b>Extra care and riding sheets</b> (2 points per extra sheet- maximum of 12pt )	0-12
<b>Extra Report(s)</b> (1-5pt for each report. Must be dated and completed in current 4-H year. Maximum of 15pt.)Point award is based on effort and completeness.	0-15
<b>4-H Meeting attendance</b> ( $\frac{1}{2}$ pt per meeting attended & documented in record book. Maximum of 4pt)	0-4
<b>Mounted Meetings or Lessons</b> ( $\frac{1}{2}$ pt per meeting attended & documented in record book. Maximum of 8pt)	0-8
<b>Photo section</b> displaying 4-Her and horse project	0-5
<b>Exceptional</b> organization, creativity, in-depth story/report(s)	0-3
<b>Extra Educational Experiences</b> (1 point per experience Maximum of 3pt)	0-3
<b>Total possible bonus points awarded</b>	<b>50</b>

Outstanding Award (ribbon)=  
 Top 10% of The Rider projects  
 Top 10% of The Wrangler projects  
 Top 10% of The Equestrian projects

Honorable Mention (ribbon) = more then 100 points (*awarded only if ALL required elements are complete*)  
 A = 100-90  
 B = 89-80  
 C = 79-70  
 E = 69-0 Failed to meet the requirements

A score of "E" Failed to meet the requirements and will **not** be allowed to compete for awards/ribbons/trophies at the fair.

Questions about this score can be directed to

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Comments from judge: