

# Sandusky County 4-H Equine Project Record Book



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of Jan. 1, this year): \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that, as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally kept records on this project and completed this record book.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Member* *Date*



## **About This Record Book:**

- This book is designed to be used with all Equine Projects, except first year Beginning Horse Management which includes its own record keeping portion.
- This record book is the only record book you are required to complete and submit for participation in the Sandusky County Fair.
- If you are planning to participate in a livestock skill-a-thon at the Ohio State Fair, you may need to complete the Ohio 4-H Equine Record Book instead (depends on the year and specific requirements listed). If you choose to use the Ohio book you may submit that one to the county. You do not need to complete two.

## **What is a “complete” record book?**

- Record books MUST be COMPLETE for members to be eligible to exhibit and compete at the Sandusky County Fair. This record book is much shorter than ones previously used and should take less time to complete.
- Complete books mean that all pages are filled in by the member with accurate information, unless pages are marked as optional. This includes:
  - ◇ Goals and Accomplishments (choose at least 5)
  - ◇ Equine Health Plan
  - ◇ Health Records (Room for two animals, copy more if needed)
  - ◇ Feed Records
  - ◇ Time Spent (minimum one month)
  - ◇ Project Summary
  - ◇ Additional Resources

## **New!!**

Equine Member Guidelines have been attached to this Record Book. These guidelines replace the former county “Rule Book.” Please review them carefully, as many items have changed.

# GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Setting goals is an important part of all 4-H projects. They help you describe why you chose the project and what you hope to accomplish by raising your project animals. Goals should be set at the beginning of the project, and accomplishments should be recorded throughout the project as goals are reached.



**Select at least 5 goals from the list below or create your own.** Mark the “planned” column for those goals you select. As you accomplish these items, mark the date they were completed and have your parent or project helper initial the item.

What I Plan to Do (Goal)	Planned	Completed	Adult Initials
Observe and care for my project animal <u>daily</u> taking note of what behaviors and appearances are normal for my animal			
Learn about my project animal's basic care requirements (food, water, and shelter) through my project book, veterinarian, and/or other reputable sources			
Learn about desirable characteristics for my project animal and/or chosen discipline (What will the judge be looking for in the arena)			
Learn how to groom and prepare my animal for a show			
Do a demonstration related to my project at a club meeting			
Attend a lesson, clinic, or practice session with my horse or pony			
Help a younger or less experienced member taking a horse project Member name:			
Attend a horse show to learn more about the classes I may want to participate in at a horse show			
Show my horse at a 4-H Horse Show			
Other:			
Other:			
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# EQUINE HEALTH PLAN

## Basic Needs: Water, Food and Shelter:

### **Water:**

Water is the most important Nutrient for ALL animals. All equines must be provided with free access to fresh, clean water unless restricted by a veterinarian for health reasons. The average horse will drink 5-10 gallons of water per day. Weather conditions, horse preferences, and exercise will all affect water consumption. Care should be taken in warm weather to ensure extra water, and in cold weather to ensure that water does not freeze and become unavailable.

Water buckets, troughs or other containers should be cleaned regularly to prevent the growth of algae or bacteria.

### **Feed:**

The basis for all equine's diet should be forage. Forage provides basic nutritional needs, and fiber which is essential for their digestive health. Examples of forage include: Hay, pasture, and beet pulp. Generally horses must consume 1.5% - 2.5% of their body weight in dry forage (hay) to maintain health. (Average 2.0%)

Your horse's approximate body weight: \_\_\_\_\_ pounds

Multiplied by .02 = \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of hay per day

*\*\* Your horse's needs may vary\*\**

Bales of hay do not all weigh the same. Have you ever weighted your hay to see how much your horse is really getting?

Concentrated feeds are provided to add vitamins, nutrients and calories as needed. Each feed is designed for a specific purpose and will include instructions for it's use. Many labels list different amounts needed for horses in different types of work: light, moderate, and heavy.

Level of Work	Hours of work per week	Type of work
Maintenance	0-1	Limited or no work, typically walking or light trotting
Light	1-3	40% walking, 50% trotting, 10% cantering
Moderate	3-5	30% walking, 55% trotting, 15% cantering, galloping, etc
Heavy	4-5	20% walking, 50% trotting, 30% cantering, galloping, etc.

What level of work would you use to describe your horse? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Shelter:**

Horses need protection from severe weather—both cold and hot. What type of shelter do you

# EQUINE HEALTH PLAN

provide for your horse? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Resources and Help:**

Veterinarians are a necessary resource for horse owners and others caring for horses. They can provide preventative health care, emergency health care, and advice on other health related topics such as nutrition.

Which veterinarian will you contact if your animal needs medical care?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Horses also require regular care for their hooves by a farrier or other hoof care professional. Most horses need trimmed every 6-8 weeks. Some horses may also require shoes or other hoof care. Who will you use to provide hoof care for your equine?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Other resources will also help you succeed with your horse project. Many members consult trainers or instructors to learn more about horsemanship, riding, driving, or other horse related skills. However, often good resources for help can simply be others with more experience who are willing to help you.

Who can you contact to learn more about your project animal?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# ANIMAL HEALTH RECORD (#1)

**Animal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Age (or estimated age) \_\_\_\_\_ Breed if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Weight \_\_\_\_\_

## Vaccination Record:

*Discuss potential vaccines with your veterinarian so you can select those necessary for your horse, area and level of risk.*

Vaccination	Date or Dates Given
Eastern/Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE/WEE)	
Equine Influenza	
Equine Viral Arteritis	
Potomac Horse Fever	
Rabies	
Rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1 and EHV-4)	
Rotavirus	
Strangles	
Tetanus	
West Nile	
Other:	

## Fecal Exam and Deworming Records

*Record dates of any fecal exams or treatments. For treatments be sure to include the product used*

Date	Details

## Dental Records

*Record dates and details for any dental treatments*

Date	Details

## Hoof Care:

*Record dates of hoof trims, shoeing, and any other hoof care provided.*

Date	Details	Date	Details

## Other Health Care

*Record any additional health care notes here*

Date	Action / Details

# ANIMAL HEALTH RECORD (#2)

**Animal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Age (or estimated age) \_\_\_\_\_ Breed if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Weight \_\_\_\_\_

### Vaccination Record:

*Discuss potential vaccines with your veterinarian so you can select those necessary for your horse, area and level of risk.*

Vaccination	Date or Dates Given
Eastern/Western Equine	
Equine Influenza	
Equine Viral Arteritis	
Potomac Horse Fever	
Rabies	
Rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1 and EHV-4)	
Rotavirus	
Strangles	
Tetanus	
West Nile	
Other:	

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Date	Details	Date	Details

### Other Health Care

*Record any additional health care notes here*

Date	Action / Details

# FEED RECORDS

**Feed Record:** List all feeds and supplements fed to your project animal(s) this year, even if they were provided by another party (parents, etc.). For items provided to you by others use an estimate of their fair market value.



Month	Hay (pounds)	Hay Value (optional)	Concentrates (type and amount)	Concentrates Value (optional)	Other (type and amount)	Other Value (optional)
January						
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
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October						
November						
December						
Total						

Total Value of Feed Purchased (optional) \_\_\_\_\_



# TIME SPENT FOR ONE MONTH

Month of <hr style="width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	Grooming / Stable Work	Pleasure Riding	Training	Meetings	Other	Total Hours for Day
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<b>Total Hours for Month:</b>						

## TIME SPENT FOR ADDITIONAL MONTH (optional)

Month of <hr style="width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	Grooming / Stable Work	Pleasure Riding	Training	Meetings	Other	Total Hours for Day
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Subtotals:						
<b>Total Hours for Month:</b>						

## PROJECT SUMMARY

1. What was your favorite part of this project? Why?
2. What was your least favorite part? Why?
3. What was the most important or interesting thing you learned?
4. List one thing you would still like to work on or accomplish.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### **Ohio 4-H Horse Publications:**

The Ohio 4-H Program offers many horse project manuals with information on topics such as basic care, health, equipment, safety, training, and reproduction. We encourage youth to take a variety of these projects over the course of their time in 4-H.

We highly recommend that every horse project member have a copy of Beginning Horse Management to use as a reference for horse care. Each member should also have a copy of Horses, Safety and You. If you are in need of these books, please contact the Extension Office. One copy of each is provided free of cost to each member.



# Sandusky County 4-H Equine Member Guidelines 2021

\*\*This handbook replaces the former County Rule Book which was included in the Horse Council Constitution.



## General Information

This publication was designed to simplify and clarify county rules related to the 4-H Horse Program in Sandusky County. There have been many changes, so please review this document carefully.

## Why County Rules?

Counties are *required* to set their own rules for a number of items, such as possession date and identification rules. It is also necessary to provide information about any classes not included in the state rule book (such as Novice classes, RWD classes, Egg and Spoon, etc). Sometimes rules specific to fair participation are also needed.

Counties are also given the right to add additional rules as needed, provided they do not conflict with State Rules. In this revision, we eliminated as many of those as possible.

## Where to Find the Rules

There are four places which include rules which may apply to you as a 4-H Member. They are all available free of charge.

1. **County 4-H Handbook** - includes rules which apply to all 4-H members, as well as project descriptions and a calendar of major events.
2. **Ohio 4-H Uniform Rules for Horse Shows** (otherwise known as "State Rule Book") - Includes general rules for horse projects and rules for every class type, including required tack / equipment and how the class is scored or judged.
3. This **4-H Equine Member Guidelines** which includes county-specific horse project related rules and descriptions for classes not included in the state book.
4. The **County Fair Book** - If you choose to participate in the fair, you will want to secure a copy of this book in July to ensure you have all guidelines related to the fair.



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# General Rules

## Possession Date and Identification

Project animals can be owned by the member (or their family) or leased for use in 4-H.

Animals must be in the member's possession by **June 1st**. An ONLINE equine identification form including a current picture must be submitted to OSU Extension by June 1st each year. Leased horses also require a copy of the lease to be on file with this identification form. There is no limit to the number of animals per person, however each horse can only be exhibited by one member.

Members may use only their registered equine at 4-H Events (unless those events are also open to the public).

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## Exceptions / Hardship Cases

Occasionally, situations occur which make it impossible to continue with the designated project animal (death of the horse, member safety, etc.).

Members / parents should submit a request for a hardship case in writing as soon as the situation has become known.

Members granted hardship cases are permitted to participate but competitive awards may be restricted.

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## Equine Measurements / Sizes

See state rule book for height restrictions.

Small Equine may show in both Mini / Small Equine classes and pony classes.

Pony measuring is done 10am-12noon on the June 6th, or 6:00 - 7:00pm on June 11th at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds. All small equine (mini) and ponies must be measured.

## Participation / Club Membership

Youth are required to be members of a designated horse club to take all horse projects except horseless horse.

Members are expected to participate in as many activities as possible. The more each member participates, the more they will get out of the program.

Members who wish to compete for awards and exhibit at the county fair must participate in at least two county-wide 4-H events with their equine including shows, trail rides, Eat & Ride Nights, or other events as posted. Members planning to exhibit more than one equine must bring each animal at least once. Production animals do not need to meet this requirement.



## EquiStep Program

### **Required for New Horse Members**

Required for all members taking horses for the first time in 2021. Open to all members (free of charge) as an option. This will be required for everyone in 2022.

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## Footwear Safety

Boots are required to be worn at all times when riding at 4-H events. Members must have closed toed shoes on at all times while handling equines.

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## Show Points and Year End Awards

Sandusky County Horse Committee may offer year end awards at their discretion.

Details about any award program will be posted at 4-H Point Shows.

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## 2021 New State Rule Book

There is a new Ohio 4-H Uniform Rules for Horse Shows book. Every family will want to get one of these from their advisor.

- Most classes are moving to a new scoring system, in which members will be start with a score of 70, then can earn or lose points on each maneuver. See book for details as they vary by class.
- Two new Ranch classes were added: Ranch Horsemanship and Showmanship. Because of this we discontinued the county ranch classes. Only state ranch classes will be offered.
- There are new rules allowing for the use of “Dr. Cook Style” cross over, bitless bridles in some classes.



## County Changes for 2021



1. Horse ID form has moved online. Visit: <http://go.osu.edu/sc4horse> for details.
2. All Ranch Classes are now in the Ohio 4-H Uniform Rules for Horse Shows. Ranch Trail was discontinued to remain consistent with the new state offered Ranch classes.
3. In Novice and RWD classes, riders are permitted to ride one or two-handed with any legal bit for the class (curb or snaffle), regardless of the age of the horse.

## Class Descriptions, Gymkhana / Speed Classes

**Classes in State Rule Book:** Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Speed and Control, Cones and Barrels, Stakes Race, and Keyhole

### Ball Race

One barrel with an open end is located in the position of the third barrel in the barrel racing pattern. Contestant shall ride down to the barrel with a ball, throw the ball into the barrel, ride around the outside of the barrel and back past the timer line.

There will be no time if the ball misses or bounces out of the barrel. The barrel must be at least 20 feet from the fence.

### Flags

Three barrels are set in the same pattern as the barrel race, with a bucket of sand on both the left and right barrel. A stick is placed in one of the buckets (rider choice).

Contestant runs around the outside of the barrels, grabbing the stick on their way past barrel #1 and depositing it in the bucket on the last barrel. Riders may stop at barrels but may not go around them.

## Class Descriptions, Novice Classes

These classes are open to members who are riding in 4-H for the first or second year. This division includes only walk/trot, uses easier patterns, and is optional. Loping results in a disqualification.

- If members choose to ride in the Novice division, they cannot cross enter into other riding classes or lope/canter at 4-H events (in make up arenas, for example).
- Once a member shows in traditional classes which permit or require loping/cantering, they are no longer eligible for the Novice division.
- Appointments and scoring follows matching classes in state rule book, **except that riders may use one or two hands in any legal bit.**

Classes offered include: Showmanship, W/T Equitation/Horsemanship, Barrels, Stakes, & Trail.

## Class Descriptions, RWD Classes

Classes offered are similar to the Novice series: RWD Showmanship, RWD Walk/Trot Equitation/Horsemanship, RWD Barrels, RWD Stakes.

- RWD participants must have a Winning 4-H Plan on file with the Extension Office to compete in this division. Members competing in this division may not cross enter into non RWD classes.
- Appointments, scoring and placings and other details are the same as matching classes in the State Rule Book For RWD Equitation/Horsemanship only walk and trot will be called. **Riders may use one or two hands with any legal bit.**
- Accommodations, such as leaders, side walkers, and assistants in the ring, can be adjusted for each rider's needs. Patterns may also be adjusted if needed by contacting the show steward or entry booth as soon as possible and well in advance of the class.

## Class Descriptions, Misc Classes

### Egg and Spoon

May be ridden western or English. Participants follow instructions as announced. Egg must rest in spoon at all times. This is considered a canter class. (No Novice Riders)

### Horseless Horse (HH)

Horses are provided by 4-H Horse Members. Appointments are the same as showmanship classes. Hats are optional Participants will be judged on basic grooming and questions on topics from the Horseless Horse Book. There will be no independent control of the horse.

### Draft

Animals shown in draft classes may not cross enter into any class in which they are riding with others. They may enter individual classes (speed and trail).

**Draft Walk Trot Equitation** - May be ridden English or Western. Same appointments as Equitation/Horsemanship depending on seat.

**Draft Fitting and Grooming** - Judged on the member's ability to groom, braid and turn out their draft horse, pony or mule (mules not braided) within the ring. There is 30 minute time limit. One handler permitted to hold the horse and hand items to member as needed.