Project Tips - *Horse*

Important Dates

February 1:
4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

Spring (March-May):
Helmet Clinics (1st year members)

April 1:
4-H Enrollment Deadline (New Members)

May 1:
Animal ID due on 4HOnline

Mid June:
Animal Record Book Interviews

Late June/Early July:
Fair Entries Close

July:
Fair Written Test

Early August:
Adams County Fair

September:
Animal Record Books Due
(Friday before Labor Day)

View the 4-H Calendar:
http://adams4h.org/4-h-events/

Project Considerations

Difficulty:
★★★★☆

Cost:
$$$$

1. What facilities do you have available?
2. Are you able to own or lease a horse?
3. Can you transport the horse for practices, clinics and shows?

Project Timeline

Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept.

About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	• Develop advanced horsemanship, riding skills, and try new disciplines • Learn tips for choosing the appropriate horse • Track animal health, feed costs, etc.	• Goal Setting • Decision Making • Keeping Records
Heart	• Give a demonstration on your horse project • Help another member groom their animal for show • Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure	• Communication • Sharing • Cooperation
Hands	• Manage animal nutrition for optimum performance and health • Recognize and serve community needs • Teach the public about animals and agriculture	• Marketable skills • Community service volunteering • Leadership
Health	• Exercise my animal outside regularly • Feed, water, and care for my animal daily • Learn from mistakes or failures.	• Healthy lifestyle choices • Self-responsibility • Character

Project Requirements

Market Horse Project members who intend to exhibit their animals at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Horse Project by enrollment deadline.
2. Complete Required Levels Testing & Safety Clinics
3. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form (Primary Care) on 4HOnline (leased animals and animals not housed at home must turn form into Extension Office)
4. ID all animals in 4HOnline by May 1 deadline.
5. Attend Livestock Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
6. Complete the Fair Written Test
7. Enter fair classes online by entry deadline.
8. Complete and turn in E-Record Book the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4hOnline

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4hOnline enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All horse project animals must be entered in the 4hOnline system no later than May 1st of the current project year.
3. It is highly recommended that any and all animals with potential of attending Fair have ID in 4hOnline, if an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.
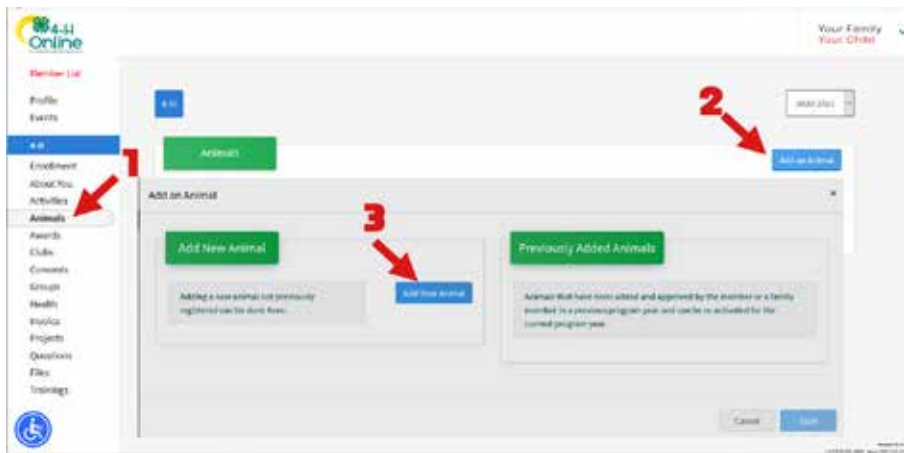
Log in to 4hOnline
Select the 4-H member
1 - Click Animals
2 - Click Add an Animal
3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window

Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's beef leader & other beef members
3. Download the Horse Project Manual & Rule Book
4. Download the Horse E-Recordbook
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Horse E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

Resources

- *Horse Project Manual*
- *Horse Rule Book*
- *Adams County Fair Premium Book - www. adamscountyextension.org*
- *4-H Horse Project Leader/ Horse Superintendent*
- *Adams County Extension Staff*

Stay up to date!
News/Events/Social Media Posts
http://adams4h.org/4-h-news-events/

Record Book

Horse Project Members complete the Horse E-Record Available at:
http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/

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Helmet Policy
Adams County 4-H members are required to wear ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with secured harness at any and all county 4-H events (shows, clinics, open rides etc.) while mounted on an equine or in a vehicle (cart, wagon, buggy etc.) being pulled by an equine. Adams County 4-H members will also be expected to wear ASTM/SEI helmets at any and all non-county 4-H equestrian events.

All first year 4-H Horse project members and a parent/guardian of first year members are required to attend a MANDATORY helmet education class in order to be eligible to show at Fair.

Rider Cards
All riders must have an Adams County 4-H Riding card with them at all times and be prepared to present it at the request of the Adams County Parks Staff, 4-H Staff, or Horse Committee officer. These cards certify that riders are in fact active, enrolled 4-H members.

Leasing a Horse
Horses are expensive and leasing a horse is a great alternative to owning one. Your project will look the same as other 4-H Horse members who own their horse, but with a few exceptions. All deadlines apply to all 4-H horse project members regardless of ownership of their horse. You will need to complete a separate 4-H Animal Care Form (primary care) and have it signed by the 4-H Agent if you are leasing a horse. This can by found on the Adams County 4-H Horse Page. You will need to work closely with your lessor to upkeep proper feed and health records etc

Levels
Levels testing is a statewide program promoting safety and skill advancement. Nearly all levels require both a written and riding test. Certain levels must be reached to ride in different disciplines.

Contact your agent, leader, or horse committee member to started. More information on levels testing can be found on the Horse Resource Page.