



# 4-H Horse Project



## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT

Horse is an exciting 4-H project area because you can participate whether you own a horse or not! Discover all the aspects about raising and riding horses.

- Appreciate riding as recreation
- Learn horsemanship skills and understand breeding, training, and raising of horses as a business
- Acquire skills in horse management by owning and being responsible for an animal.
- Acquire safety skills to prevent injury to persons and animals

## THE BIG PICTURE

### STARTING OUT

- Learn about basic horse care
- Identify parts of a horse
- Learn breeds of horses
- Learn the gaits of the horses
- Understand horse reproduction parts
- Learn about genetics and heredity of horses
- Investigate horse diseases
- Learn how to control parasites
- Discover causes of colic
- Learn the function of different horse tack

### LEARNING MORE

- Learn the basics of trail riding
- Check horse vital signs
- Learn to mount and dismount safely
- Etiquette to ride safely as a group
- Communicate with your horse
- Practicing horsemanship maneuvers
- Improve your riding style

### EXPANDING HORIZONS

- Research and purchase show clothing
- Improve a show horse's appearance
- Improve your showmanship pattern
- Riding patterns
- Understanding the quarter's system
- Evaluating ethics in competitive situations

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### EXHIBIT IDEAS

- Horse coloring/marketing patterns
- Horse body parts
- Safety around horses
- Horse health chart
- History of horses
- Horse body language
- Parts-of-a-horse matching game
- Horse breed comparison chart
- Horse-stable designs
- Knots used with horses
- Tagging a horse
- How to groom a horse

### PASS IT ON

#### Communication

- Present about parts of a horse
- Send a letter to the editor describing your opinion regarding ethical horse situations
- Present a riding safety session at your county 4-H horse workouts prior to county fair

#### Citizenship

- Assist with the 4-H horse show at the county fair
- Participate in the local saddle club charitable benefit
- Ask friends to always wear a helmet when riding a horse

#### Leadership

- Lead a trail ride for your fellow 4-H horse project members
- Organize a tack swap for 4-H members

### HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED

- Contact your local University of Wyoming (UWYO) Extension Office for local horse clubs, workshops, activities and events. Attend a horse project meeting.
- Contact local 4-H clubs and inquire about incorporating horse into their club activities.

### HOW TO GO FURTHER

- Participate in local, regional, state and national contests. Find out more here:  
<http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/photography/index.html>
- Participate in a horse riding camp. Wyoming4h.org
- Visit a local tack shop or horse supply store
- Create a collection of horse showmanship and horsemanship patterns
- Check out horse events on television to learn about different types of horse shows and events
- Research horse related careers
- Is it getting close to fair time? Consider taking an exhibit, a piece of your project to the fair for judging and to show off what you have learned throughout the year. It might get selected to go to the Wyoming State Fair!

Picture: Ramblers. "Walking near Horses." - Ramblers. Ramblers, 2016. Web. 20 May 2016.

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Contact your Local County Extension Office for more info.

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