

**RENSSELAER COUNTY 4-H PROJECT RECORD**

**OBJECTIVE:** To help 4-Her’s learn the responsibility and the expenses of taking care of their project equine and make sure their horse is healthy and happy.

**DIRECTIONS:** Pages 1-8 in this project record must be completed in full to the best of the 4-Her’s ability to receive credit for this project year in most horse clubs. If a section does not apply, please enter N/A in that section. Records are graded on neatness, completion, record keeping, and goals. In order to qualify for an excellent record keeping award, all pages (not just 1-8 pages) must be completed to the best of the 4-Her’s ability. Non-horse members should make a “dream Horse” project and fill in all information required as if they owned and would be taking care of that equine. If you need help, your leader or parent will help you, but it is the 4-Her’s responsibility to fill out the project record. Members 12 and over are suggested to use ink or be typewritten. One color ink is preferred. Younger members may use pencil.

**INTRODUCTION**

This project record is for the project year starting September 20\_\_ to August 20\_\_

This is my \_\_ year in 4-H

As of January 1 of this project year, my age is \_\_\_\_.

**1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR (ANY AGE)  
OR  
AGE 7-10**

**CIRCLE ONE:** This project is being kept on

Owned Horse

Lease Horse

**MEMBER’S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Records are due to the 4-H Office by the October Horse PDC  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month-unless stated otherwise).**

**GOAL(S) PAGE**

1. When you receive your project record, think of some short-term goals or a long-term goal that you wish to try to accomplish this year with your equine project. As the year progresses, write in how things are going and what you are doing to try to achieve your goal(s). Non-horse members may use other goal ideas like what they would like to learn about horses this year.

**STARTING GOAL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**APRIL: (how are things going?)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**AUGUST: (DID YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL? WHAT DID YOU DO TO FINALLY COMPLETE YOUR GOAL?)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**4-H PAGE**

2. What is the 4-H Motto? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the 4-H Pledge?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What are the 4-H colors? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What do these colors mean?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What do you like best about the 4-H program? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What do you not like about the 4-H horse program or what needs to be changed in the program?  
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8. Please draw out 4-H emblem with the proper colors below.

**SAFETY PAGE**

9. List 4 of your main safety rules you use daily when you are working around your horse.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

10. List 2 things you should always take with you on a trail ride.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

11. List 4 safety rules that are important to you when you ride your project equine.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please describe any incident that happened to you that made you take extra safety precautions the next time you rode, fed, or worked around your horse. What do you do different now?

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**IDENTIFICATION PAGE**

Please describe your equine project for this year.

HORSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

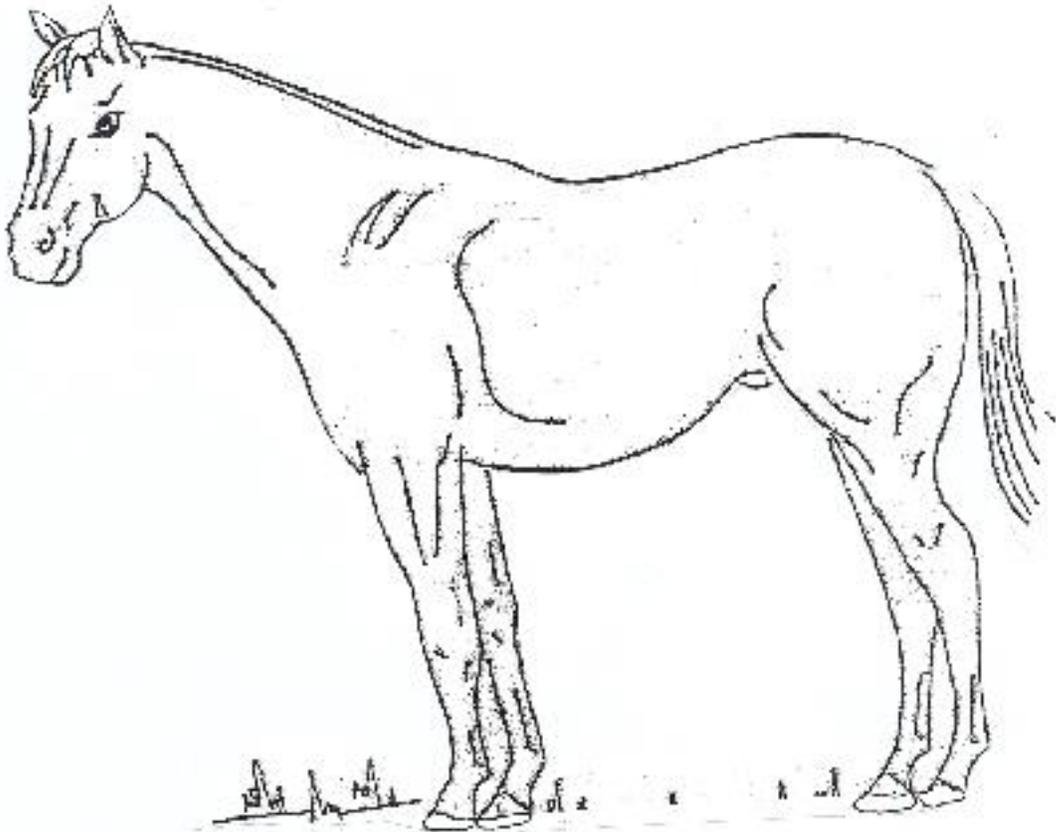
BREED: (If your equine is a grade, please also tell what breed your horse resembles.)  
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GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY SCARS OR OTHER UNIQUE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION? \_\_\_\_\_  
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PLEASE FILL IN ALL MARKINGS AND IDENTIFYING MARKS ON YOUR HORSE OR ATTACH A PHOTO IN THIS AREA.



13. How do you help your parents support your horse project during the year? Please explain.

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14. Please describe your normal daily routine to care for your horse. Start in the morning with what your chores are and go through the day.

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Does your routine change with the seasons? \_\_\_\_\_

Summer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Winter: \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Per day how many pounds of feed do you give your horse:

A. Grain \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

B. Hay \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

C. Salt & Minerals \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

16. How many gallons of water does your horse drink? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Does the amount of water change with the seasons?      YES                      NO

18. Please draw a diagram of your horse's barn facilities, rings, paddocks, pastures, and etc. You may do a separate page and add it to your record. Please note below if one is added.

19. Please describe any leadership roles or offices held that you have in your club this year?

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20. What lessons or demonstrations have you given to your club?

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21. Has your club participated in any community service project this year? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain what the project was.

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22. Describe any other ways you have helped out your 4-H club.

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23. Have you participated in any 4-H county, regional, state, or national horse related event? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain

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24. What is your most important or enjoyable award, ribbon, certificate, trophy, or item you feel has the greatest meaning to you this year and why?

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25. Do you have a favorite horse related item or collection? Please tell what it is or what is in it.

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26. What do you do on your own to learn more about horses? \_\_\_\_\_

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27. Is your horse that you have what you would describe as your idea of your "ideal" horse? Why do you feel this way and what would your "ideal" horse be?

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