

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 200____ to August 200____

This is my _____ year in 4-H

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

SENIOR (14-19)

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
(3rd 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: _____

APRIL: (how are things going?) _____

AUGUST: (DID YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL? WHAT DID YOU DO TO FINALLY COMPLETE YOUR GOAL) _____

4-H PAGE

2. What do you like best about the 4-H program? Why? _____

3. What do you not like about the 4-H program? Why? _____

IDENTIFICATION PAGE

Please describe your equine project for this year.

HORSE'S NAME: _____

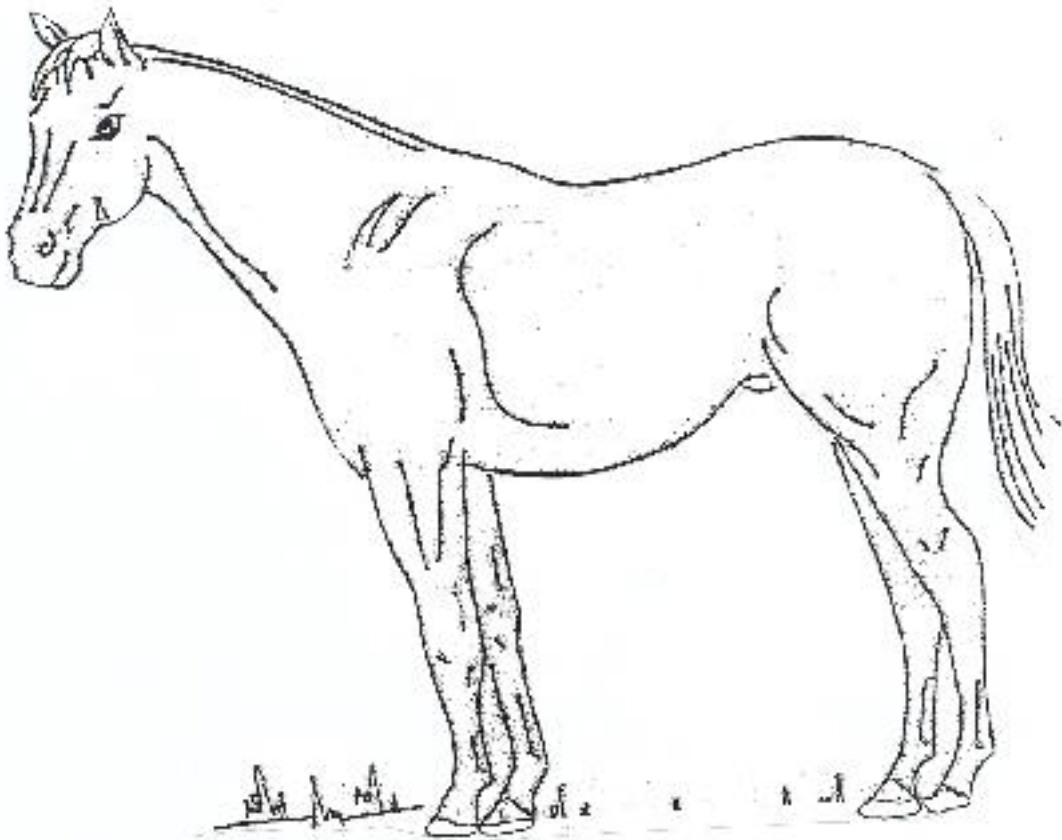
BREED: (If your equine is a grade, please also tell what breed your horse resembles.)

GENDER: _____ AGE: _____ HEIGHT: _____ WEIGHT: _____

COLOR: _____

ANY SCARS OR OTHER UNIQUE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION? _____

PLEASE FILL IN ALL MARKINGS AND IDENTIFYING MARKS ON YOUR HORSE OR ATTACH A PHOTO IN THIS AREA.



FEED RECORD

Each month record the amounts and costs or values of grain, hay, salt and minerals, pasture, and other feeds your horse or pony ate.

Month	Grain		Hay		Salt & Minerals		Pasture	Other Feeds	Total cost or value
	Amount (lb)	Cost or Value	Amount (lb)	Cost or value	Amount (lb)	Cost or value	Amount (days)	Cost or value	(\$)
(Example) **									
January									
February									
March									
April									
May									
June									
July									
August									
September									
October									
November									
December									
							TOTAL FOR YEAR	\$	

* The price you could have sold them for if your horse or pony had not eaten them.

** in the above example, 210 pounds of grain valued at \$21.00 and 330 pounds of hay valued at \$16.50 were fed during the month. The horse spent 10 days (8 hrs/day;240 hrs/month) on pasture at a value of \$10.00. No salt, minerals, or other feeds were purchased during this month.

STABLE RECORD – Include, by month, the amount and value of feed, and other items.

	Total feed costs*	Bedding (Kind and amount)	Cost	Labor (hrs)	Riding Instruction or training cost	Health care	Cost	Farrier	Cost	Equipment or other Items	Cost	Total cost (mo)
(Example) **	\$47.50	Straw 400 lbs	\$16.00	60	3 Lessons \$75.00	Dewormer	\$12.00	Reset shoes	\$45.00	Brush	\$6.50	\$202.00
January												
February												
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December												
TOTAL												

* Record total feed costs from previous page for each month.

** In the above example, total feed costs were \$47.50, and the 400 pounds of straw cost \$16.00. the member spent 60 hours working with his/her horse, had three lessons for \$75.00, bought dewormer for \$12.00, and had his/her horse’s shoes reset for \$45.00. A brush was purchased for \$6.50. Make an entry only for the month you purchased items, not for the month they were used.

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

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.

Does your routine change with the seasons? _____

Summer: _____

Winter: _____

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

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

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

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

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

20. What is your most important or enjoyable 4-H award, ribbon, certificate, trophy, or item you feel has the greatest meaning to you this year and why? _____
