

4-H HORSE AND PONY PROJECT



Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

Communication

- Present about parts of a horse
- Send a Letter to the Editor describing your opinion regarding an ethical horse situation
- 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 horses
- Explore therapeutic riding and horse rescue assistance opportunities

Leadership

- Lead a trail ride for your fellow 4-H horse project members
- Work with a horseless horse member to care for a horse
- Conduct a show horse grooming clinic
- Organize a tack swap for 4-H members

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Are You Into It?

Horse and Pony 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

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic / Level 1	Learning More Intermediate / Level 2	Expanding Horizons Advanced / Level 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about basic horse care • Identify parts of a horse • Learn breeds of horses • Learn the gaits of the horse • Understand horse reproduction parts • Learn about genetics and heredity of horses • Investigate horse diseases • Learn how to control parasites • Discover causes of colic • Practice vaccinations • Learn the function of different horse tack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the basics of trail riding • Check horse vital signs • Learn how to mount and dismount safely • Etiquette to ride safely as a group • Communicate with your horse • Practicing horsemanship maneuvers • Improve your riding style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and purchase show clothing • Improve a show horse's appearance • Improve your showmanship pattern • Riding patterns • Understand the quarter's system • Evaluating ethics in competitive situations



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Take Horse and Pony further!

Here are other opportunities to explore Horse and Pony:

- Attend a horse show, rodeo, or other horse event
- Visit a horse farm, horse training facility, horse boarding facility, etc.
- Participate in a horse riding camp
- Visit a local tack shop or horse supply store
- Check out horse events on television to learn about different type of horse shows and events
- Attend the Iowa Horse Fair to watch horse shows and observe clinicians
- Create a collection of horse showmanship and horsemanship patterns
- Keep a diary of your practices each week
- Research horse-related careers
- Attend the Iowa 4-H Horse Jamboree to compete in hippology or quiz bowl
- Give a public speech or team demonstration or compete with a painting, poster, photograph, drawing, essay, poetry, scrapbook, digital story, clothes article, woodworking piece or a model horse
- Attend Animal Science Round-Up as part of the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and take the horse track, participate in the community service project, bringing ideas back to your community.
- Is it fair time? Consider riding in your County Fair horse show or the Iowa State Fair.
- Contact your county ISU Extension Office for other local workshops, activities, and events
- Interested in a college education in animal science or veterinary medicine? Schedule a visit with Iowa State University to explore those majors. www.iastate.edu

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
- Supplies price chart
- Horse skeleton diagram
- Display of horse diseases
- Growth chart for your horse
- Dental problems of horses
- How to shoe a horse
- Horse reproductive system
- Pasture management practices
- Horse life cycle poster
- Identify saddle, bridle and tack
- Create a horse first aid kit
- Pre-show fitting techniques
- How-to display for judging horsemanship
- Present a horse using "Quarter System"
- Design your own showmanship pattern
- Create a scrapbook or collage of photos from your horse project

Resources

4-H Resources

- Iowa 4-H Horse and Pony www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/horse
- Giddy Up and Go Horsemanship Level 1
- Head, Heart, and Hooves Horsemanship Level 2
- Stable Relationships Horsemanship Level 3
- Riding the Range Horsemanship Level 4
- Jumping to New Heights Horsemanship Level 5
- Horsemanship Leader Guide
- Horse Science
- Horseless Horse Project
- Basic Horse Safety Manual

Other Resources

- American Youth Horse Council (AYHC) <http://www.ayhc.com>
- Iowa Horse Council <http://www.iowahorsecouncil.org/>
- Iowa Horse Judges Directory www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/horse
- Horse eXtension Website <http://www.extension.org/horses>
- My Horse University <http://myhorseuniversity.com/>
- Iowa Horse Show Judges Evaluation Form www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/horse

Record Keeping

- Horse and Pony Worksheet Record Keeping (4H 512 WS)
- Horse and Pony ID Form (4H 106C)
- Horse Lease Agreement (4H 106C L)

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or contact your county ISU Extension Office