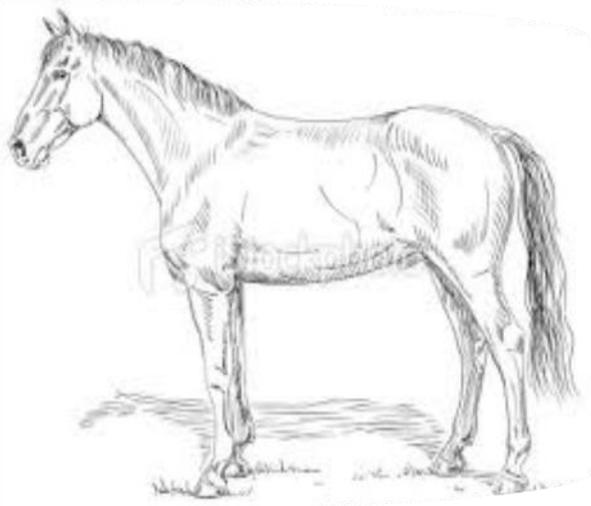


GENESEE COUNTY 4-H

Horseless Horse Project Member Handbook



The Motto: To Make the Best Better

The Pledge: I pledge My HEAD to clearer thinking, My HEART to greater loyalty, My HANDS to larger service, My HEALTH to better living, For my club, my community, My country and my world.

The Slogan: Learn by Doing

The Creed: I believe in 4-H work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.
I believe in training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, to plan and to reason.
I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true.
I believe in the training of my HANDS for the dignity it will give me to be helpful, useful and skillful.
I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease and to work efficiently.
I believe in my World, my Country, my State and my Community and in my responsibility for their development.
In all these things I believe, and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment

Name: _____

Club: _____

Leader's signature & date:

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Introduction

Welcome to the 4H Horseless Horse project. Through this project you will learn about the horse, the horse industry, and the history of horses.

Horseless Horse Project

The Horseless Horse project is designed for the 4hers that do not currently own or lease a horse. Horse ownership is not required to participate in 4H horse activities. The only activity that actually requires a horse is showing. There are several activities that you may complete as part of this project.

Activities

- See a horse movie
- Read a horse book or magazine
- Make a display or poster about horses
- Give a speech or demonstration
- Name colors, breeds, parts of the horse, or parts of equine tack
- Visit a horse farm, horse race, tack store, or horse show
- Participate on a horse bowl team
- Groom, tack, and/or ride a horse
- Watch a farrier, or veterinarian
- Research & report on any area of the horse industry
- Help others prepare and show a horse. Possibly be the groom.
- Participate on the County Executive Youth Executive board, or lead on a county Committee

Projects

The purpose of projects is to demonstrate what you have learned. There are no restrictions on the type of project you may do in the Horseless project. The subject is completely up to the member.

There are several basic formats for projects.

Poster: The poster is the most common project for the first year horseless member. They are generally 22" wide and 28" high.

Display board: The display board is used to make a free standing presentation. It has more room than a poster and will be 12" deep, 24" wide and 36" high.

Report: The report is a book-like project. It may be a scrapbook, loose-leaf, or in a folder or binder. Reports may contain text, drawings, articles and photographs.

Construction or Assembly: This is for the more experienced member. They are to include saddle racks, roping dummies, or anything else the member may want to do that is equine related. They are often designed by the member using wood, metal or plastic.

Self-determined: These are for projects that do not fit into the other categories.

Some projects use a combination of the formats. Construction and Self-determined projects are often used with a display board or report, or both, that explains the project in greater detail.

Records As in your other 4H projects you will keep records. When you start the year you will want to keep a notebook to record what you did. It will help you when it comes time to complete your records at the end of the year.

There are no special recording requirements like with the Horse project.

Ideas for projects:

1. History of horses.
2. Parts of the horse, saddles, or bridles.
3. Types & breeds of horses and their characteristics.
4. Colors and markings of horses.
5. Different gaits of horses.
6. Horse safety: Handling, leading, tying, safety knots.
7. Equine care: Feeding, exercise, grooming, de-worming, vaccinations, hoof care.
8. Types of tack: Western, English, Saddle seat, Trail, Endurance, Racing.
9. Different styles of riding & disciplines.
10. Tips for good horsemanship or horse ownership considerations.

These are just examples to help the member create ideas for their project. The 4H leader can assist the member in any questions they may have and can provide info to resources available.