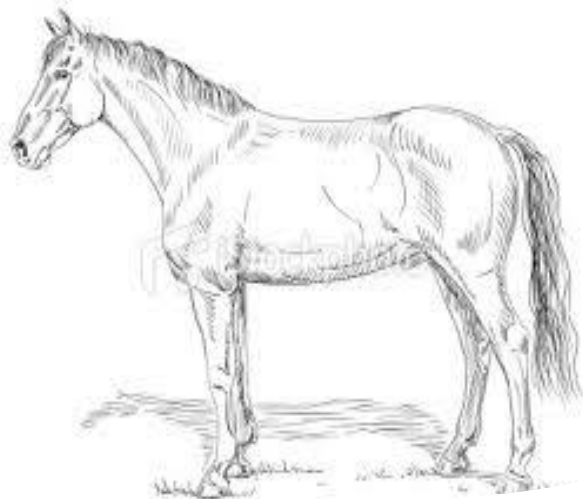




Project Record Book for Cloverbuds age division 5-7 yrs



Name_____

Name of Club_____

Age (as of Jan 1st)_____

Leader_____

Years in Project_____

Years in 4-H_____

PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS OF THE GENESEE COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

- The purpose of the 4-H program is to provide Genesee County youth an opportunity to participate in different activities designed to improve citizenship, sportsmanship, horsemanship, character, competitive spirit and responsibility, while creating a safe and comfortable atmosphere for learning. Every child will not progress at the same rate. It is the responsibilities of the adult volunteers to give proper motivation through good leadership skills.
- It is the leader's responsibility to help each child grow in each of the project objectives. You will notice the first objective is not horsemanship. Horsemanship is an important facet of the Genesee County 4-H program, but it should be understood that the horse is only a tool to be used in the development and education of the youth. All major project areas of Genesee County 4-H have the objectives to make better citizens of our youth, to increase their knowledge, and to inspire them to explore other project areas.
- Horse shows are not the major objective of the program, and any leader or agent that professes this, either out of actual belief or to persuade someone to join a 4-H club, is certainly in error. In doing this, they would be setting themselves, and the club, up for disappointment and possible failure. This is not to minimize the importance of horse shows in helping to achieve our goals, but it must be understood we are in the business of education. There are many other circuits that focus just on showing. The education aspect is what makes our association different and special. It is possible that many of the 4-H youth may have no interest in showing. They may be interested in other aspects of the equine world, such as but not limited to, trail riding, rodeos, or horse bowl.
- When thinking about the Genesee County 4-H horse program and its objectives, one should understand that participation in horse bowl, horse judging, public speaking, Executive board responsibilities, club responsibilities and offices and demonstrations are all extremely helpful in helping youth reach the goals. In summary, we as leaders need to set examples for the youth that we lead to help them become the best they can be.

The Power of 4-H

"It's a powerful thing when kids team up with adults to learn new skills, improved their communities, explore the wonders of today's world, prepare for tomorrow's opportunities and have fun: That's the power of 4-H!" - From Michigan 4-H Today, 1996.

"You know, if every kid in the inner cities in this country belonged to 4-H, we wouldn't have much of a crime problem..."

- President Bill Clinton at Montana State University May 31, 1995.

"Building responsible citizens is a basic goal of the entire 4-H program. We are proud to support a program which stresses the responsibility of each individual to interact with others in building a stronger America."

- Donald R. Keough, President, The Coca-Cola Company. 1984.

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 Motto: To Make the Best Better **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

Genesee County 4-H Youth Horse Program Commitment to Excellence

- I believe that participation in the 4-H Horse Program should demonstrate my own knowledge, ability and skill as a caretaker and exhibitor of equines.
- I will do my own work to my fullest extent that I am safely capable and will accept advice and support from others.
- I will not use abusive, illegal, fraudulent, deceptive or questionable practices in the feeding, fitting and showing of my animal(s), nor will I allow my parents or any other individuals to employ such practices with my animal(s).
- I will read, understand and follow the rules put forth by Genesee County Horse Leaders Association, without exception, for all horse shows in which I am a participant, and I will ask that my parents and supervisors of my project do the same.
- I wish for my horse project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.
- I realize that I am responsible for:
 - ✓ The proper care and safe, humane treatment of my animals
 - ✓ The safe handling of my animals at all times
 - ✓ Demonstrating strong moral character as an example to others
 - ✓ Supporting and respecting all the youth and volunteers at any and all 4-H events

Exhibitor

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

Leader (not required for Fair)

Date

Instructions for Using this Record Book

Keeping records of your project is an important part of 4-H and is currently required to participate in the County Fair. This book is designed to help you keep your records organized. The goal of this record book is to help you learn about your horse. This record book is to be completed by the youth member.

1. Start your project book when you first obtain your project animal or in the fall of the previous year.
2. MOST IMPORTANTLY---HAVE FUN!!!!

4-H is NOT about winning. It is NOT about doing better than others. 4-H IS about doing the best you can. It IS about being the best you can be. It IS about making this world the best it can be.

IT'S ALL ABOUT CHARACTER!

MY HORSE:

NAME:

BREED:

AGE:

FEEDING MY HORSE

I board my horse

My horse lives at home

My horse eats:

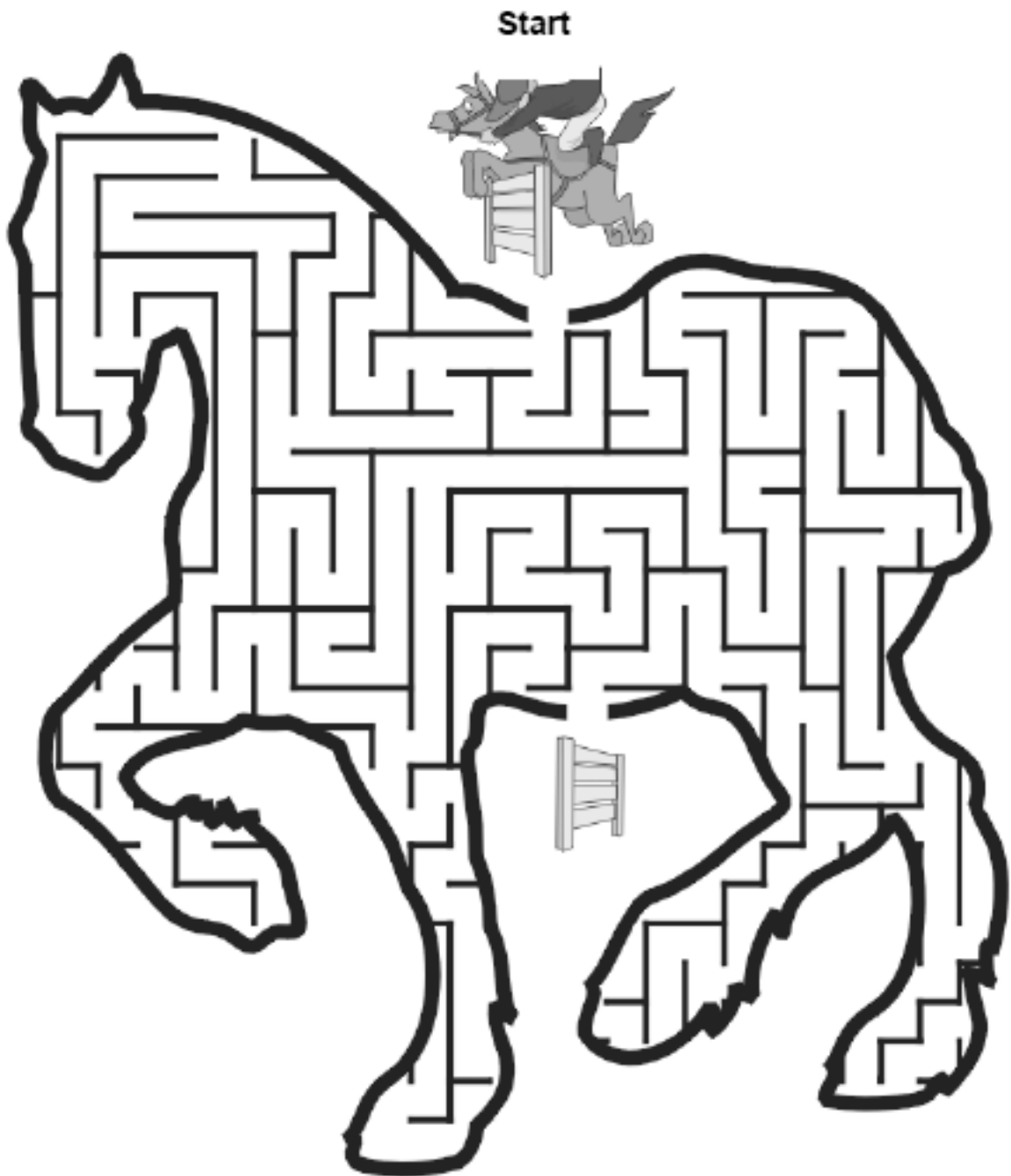
Picture of horse, drawn or photo

Horse Games:

Connect the dots:



Complete the maze:



Check out the picture below and cross out the letters **J-U**,
M-P wherever
they appear on the jump. You will be left with a secret
message!



