



NM 4-H Horses and Horsemanship Greentop

400.B-9 R-18



Objective: To educate 4-H members on horses, their behavior, horse selection, identification, body parts, colors and breeds, fitting, showing, tack, feeding, and facilities. This project is designed for members who have access to a horse(s) to ride.

Materials Included in this project:

- Horse Project Record Form 300 L-5
- New Mexico 4-H Horse Project Greentop 400.B-9 (R-18)
- 4-H Horse & Horsemanship Project Book 100.B-6 (N-12)

Suggested tips for successful project completion:

- Review the project book, record sheet, and Greentop to become familiar with the project before beginning.
- Participate in county and state fairs by entering an indoor exhibit on what you've learned from the project material.
- To complete the project, submit a record book to your local Extension Agent detailing your Horse & Horsemanship Project.

Suggested Leadership and Citizenship Activities:

- Assist younger 4-Hers in conducting a demonstration.
- Serve as an Assistant Instructor at 4-H Horse School.
- Teach or assist with a workshop at a local clinic.
- Volunteer your time to help someone care for a horse.
- Donate horse care items and feed to a worthy cause.
- Assist with pony rides for a children's home.

Suggested Activities:

- Horse Judging Clinics and Contests.
- State 4-H Horse School
- 4-H and Other Horse Shows
- Horse Project Club Meetings
- Trail Rides.
- Equestrian Parades.
- Present a demonstration on your horse project.
- Research careers related to horses. NM 4-H publication # can guide you through this process.

Suggested Learning Topics:

- Colors, Markings and Breeds of Horses
- How to Judge Horses
- Gaits and Equitation
- Proper Grooming and Use of Tack and Equipment
- Showing and Showmanship
- Horse Hoof Care
- Horse Safety
- Research topics using journals (e.g., <https://thehorse.com>)
- Research topics on websites (e.g., <https://articles.extension.org/horses>)

Additional info can be found from:

- Your Club Leader or Project Leader.
- County Extension Office.
- State 4-H Office.
- Veterinarian.
- Horse/Breed Association Journals
- Internet.
- Library.

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