

# SUGGESTED COUNTY FAIR CLASSES

## HORSE CURRICULUM

The following lists are based on activities from the latest 4-H publications used in Wisconsin and around the country. Use these ideas to generate exhibits, displays, pictures, posters, scrapbooks, portfolios, demonstrations, etc., for your county fair, or to update your county fair premium book.

### LEVEL 1: GIDDY UP & GO

1. Common horse coloring/markings patterns
2. Common horse breeds
3. Horse body parts
4. Safety around horses
5. Horse health chart
6. History of horses
7. Horse body language
8. Parts-of-a-horse matching game
9. Horse-breed comparison chart
10. "Horsing Around" comic book
11. Horse-stable design
12. Horses and their temperaments
13. Knots used with horses
14. Completed member guide (08053)

### LEVEL 2: HEAD, HEART, & HOOVES

1. Tagging a horse
2. Grooming a horse
3. Supplies price chart
4. Horse budget
5. Value of pre-purchasing exams
6. Horse skeleton
7. Horse diseases
8. Growth chart on your horse
9. Horse nutrients
10. Hay quality
11. Dental problems of horses
12. Shoeing a horse
13. Horse grooming tools
14. Completed member guide (08054)

### LEVEL 3: STABLE RELATIONSHIPS

1. Horse reproductive system
2. Preventing colic
3. Treatment of 10 horse diseases

4. Model horse barn
5. Budget for horse expenses for 1 year
6. Pasture management practices
7. Breeding horses
8. Birth of a foal
9. Completed member guide (08055)

#### LEVEL 4: RIDING THE RANGE

1. Identify saddle, bridle and tack
2. English and Western bridles
3. 9 basic riding skills
4. Trail course maneuvers
5. Horsemanship skills/steps
6. 6 events of a horse show
7. Horse first aid kit
8. Professional horse trainer interview
9. Rule book for training horses
10. Your own equitation pattern
11. Completed member guide (08056)

#### LEVEL 5: JUMPING TO NEW HEIGHTS

1. Pre-show fitting techniques
2. Judging horsemanship
3. Present a horse using "Quarter System"
4. Teach a young member to ride
5. Teach basic seat and three gaits
6. 3 braiding techniques
7. Your own showmanship pattern
8. Horse project memories
9. Good/poor showmanship and ethics
10. Completed member guide (08057)