

Pueblo County 4-H Horse Shows 2012 Written Test Study Guide

Beginner and Level 1 (All Divisions)

All information is found in the 4-H Horse Project Member's Manual

Chapter 1

Requirements of the 4-H program

Chapter 2

State of Colorado rules for transporting horses

Chapter 3

Tips for choosing the appropriate horse

Horse classifications and breeds of horses

Origins of horses and colors of horses

Face and leg markings

Chapter 4

Basics of judging conformation

Parts of the horse

Parts of the hoof

Blemishes and unsoundness

Chapter 5

Body condition score system

Digestion and Feeding Tips

Watering requirements

Roughages and concentrates

Poisonous plants

Chapter 8

Know vital signs: Temperature, respiration rate, pulse and CRT

Colic and other major health issues

Internal and external parasites

Chapter 9

Grooming

Hoof care

Chapter 11

Showmanship training rules

Quarter system

Chapter 12

Parts of the English and Western Saddles

Horseman's knots

Chapter 13

Saddling and bridling

Chapter 14

Natural aids and artificial aids

Gaits of the horse

Chapter 19

4-H Advancement levels program

Level 2 (All Divisions)

All information is found in the 4-H Horse Project Member's Manual

Chapter 3

- Breeds of horses and their origins
- Colors and coat patterns
- Characteristics and uses of various breeds
- Cross bred horses
- Definitions of life stages and sexes of horses
- Teeth

Chapter 4

- Definitions and locations of blemishes, lameness and unsoundness

Chapter 5

- Digestion
- Types of Nutrients and value of them
- Basic requirements of a good pasture
- Differences between concentrates and roughages and how they are fed
- When and how to change a horse's diet
- Feeding tips

Chapter 6

- Requirements of good pasture and its management

Chapter 8

- Review common health problems, their symptoms, cause and treatment
- External and internal parasites
- Vaccinations

Chapter 14

- Riding aids and gaits, including footfall patterns
- Forehand and hindquarter turns
- Two tracking and shoulder in
- Counter canter

Chapter 17

- Approaching and handling the horse
- Fire safety

Chapter 19

- 4-H Advancement levels program

Level 3 and 4 (All Divisions)

All information is found in the 4-H Horse Project Member's Manual

Chapter 3

- Coat markings
- Basic body colors and markings
- Breeds: origins, characteristics and uses
- Aging by teeth
- Teeth: types and aging by teeth, malformations

Chapter 4

- Differences between blemishes and unsoundnesses
- Types of blemishes, lameness and unsoundness: causes and treatment, if any
- Parts of the horse
- Parts of the hoof
- Correct and incorrect leg structure and resulting travel
- Blemishes, lameness and unsoundness: definitions and differences
- Conformation considerations: positive and negative

Chapter 5

- Body condition scoring system
- Protein values of feed
- Major nutrients and what they provide
- Type of Nutrients
- Types of Hay – timothy, grass, alfalfa, legume hay, etc., values of same
- Calcium to phosphorous ratio in horses
- Common poisonous plants of Colorado; symptoms and affected parts of the horse

Chapter 6

- Pasture management

Chapter 7

- Housing and fencing

Chapter 8

- Internal and external parasites
- First aid
- Vital signs
- Diseases: causes, symptoms, treatment
- Immunizations
- Dental problems

Chapter 12

- Horseman knots
- Bits

Chapter 17

- Safety when handling horse
- Fire Safety
- Safety in Barn, paddock and pasture
- Horse Safety Commandments
- Trailerling

Chapter 19

- 4-H Advancement levels program