



# Summit County Equine Record Book

**Name**

**Date of Birth**

**Project Name**

**Years with this Project**

**4-H Club**

**Years in 4-H**

**4-H Advisor**

I hereby certify that as the 4-H member of this project, I have personally kept accurate records on this equine project and have personally completed this record book.

**Signed**

(Member's Signature)

# Why Keep Records?

Records help you understand your animal, the feed and care that they require, the cost of that care, and their tendencies.

Record keeping helps you to plan and budget for future projects.

When you have record of medications & treatments, those records allow you to accurately track the history of your horse's health, injuries and preventive care.

Record keeping helps keep you on track to ensure you have good management practices.

Lastly, this process helps you better understand the business aspects and economics of purchasing/leasing animals, their nutrition costs, facilities, & equipment.

## **YOUR RECORDS ARE ONLY AS GOOD/ACCURATE AS YOU MAKE THEM!**

It's important for tracking the progress of the animal, AND for tracking YOUR progress to hang on to your records from previous years. Your old records can be used as a quick reference to see when you purchased your tack, when your horse started to experience issues, or to compare the cost of various expenses over the years.

# YOUTH & PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

For this record book you must aim to be as specific as possible. List details and try to cover all aspects of your project. Examples are provided as a guide. Please know the examples may not fit the specifics of everyone's equine project.

## **1. What is the type, size and length of the project?**

(Example: I will purchase/lease a horse to become a better English/Western rider for X amount of months/years.)

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## **2. What responsibilities will the member have for this project? Will someone else be furnishing something? What are those details?**

(Example: I will care for the animal daily & pay my parents/horse owner for feed & tack. My parents will pay for the board/lease which includes the horse's stalls, electricity, water, bedding.)

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**Signature of youth**

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**Date**

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**Signature of parent/guardian**

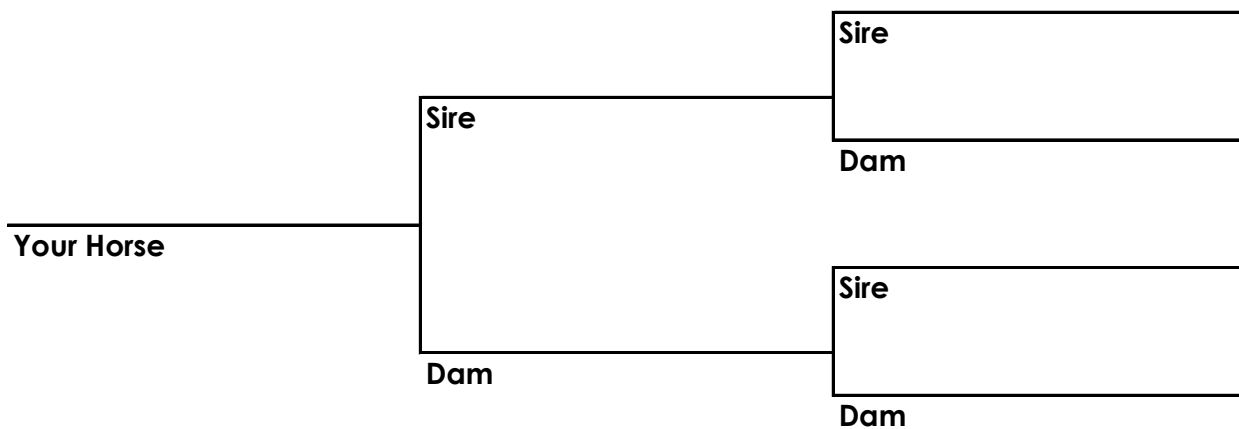
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**Date**

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# Project Pictures

(Picture of Project Animal)

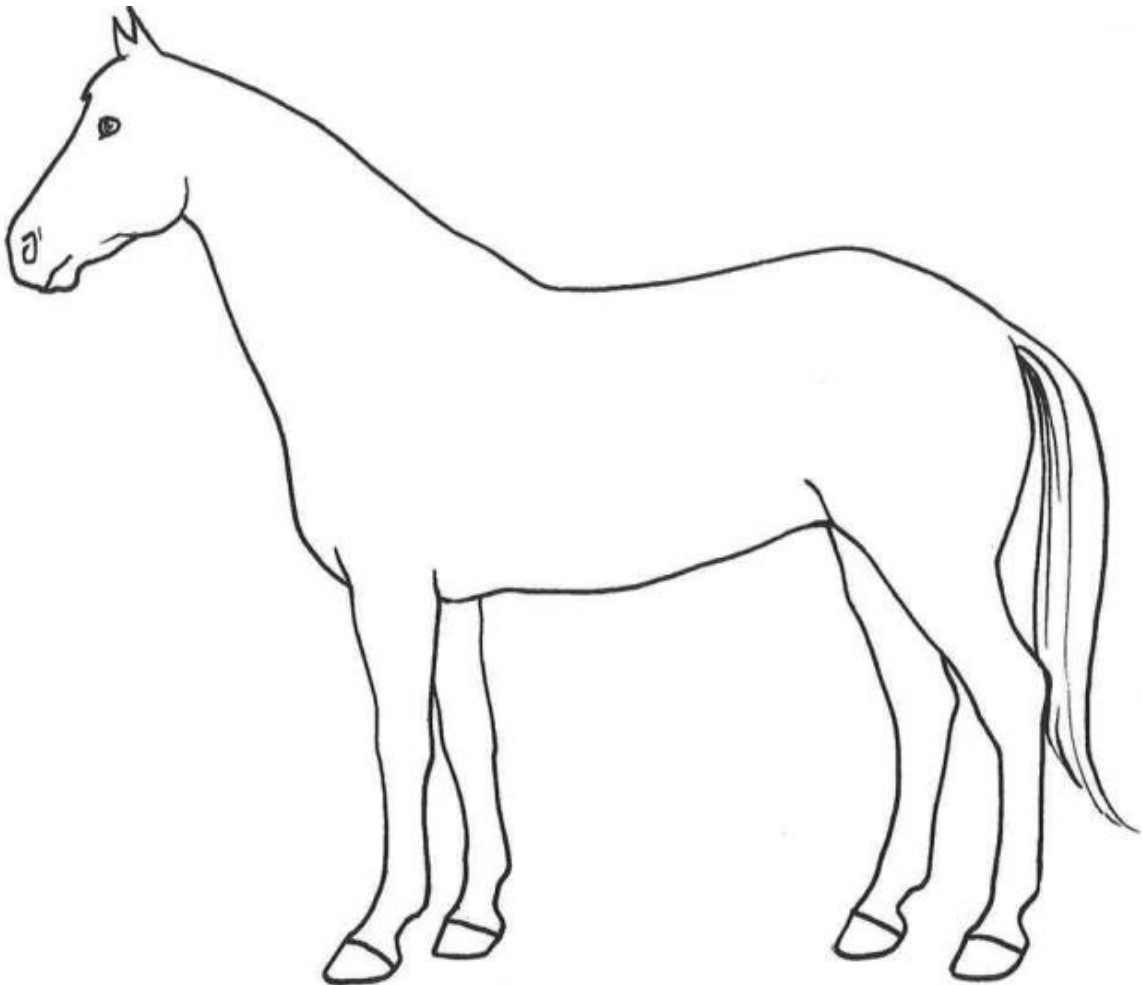


*It's always interesting to see the pedigree of your project animal. Fill out a three generation pedigree above.*

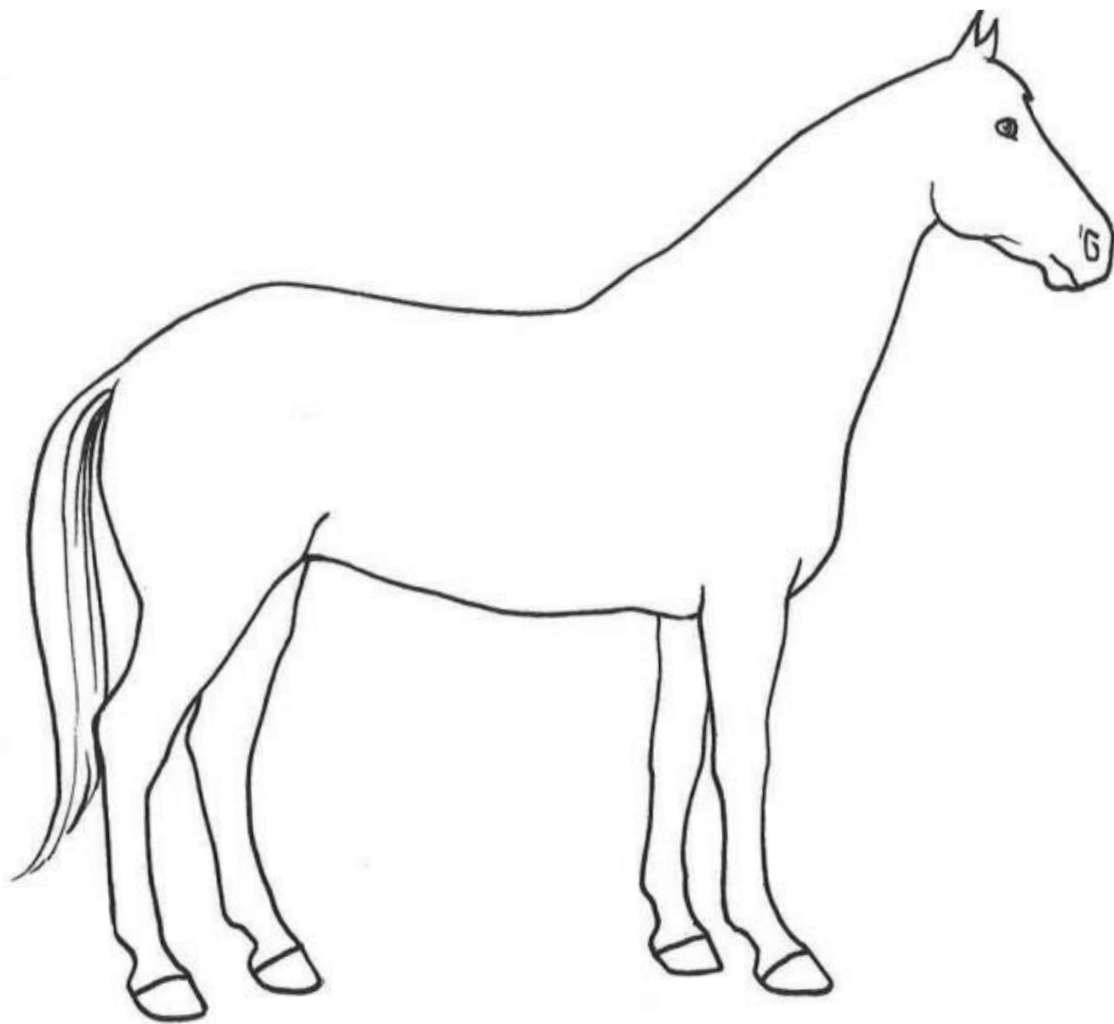
# Horse Identification

_____		Horse	Pony
Horse's Name		(Circle one)	
_____	_____	Mare	Gelding
Height	Age	(Circle one)	
_____		<input type="checkbox"/>	Check if horse is leased
Breed or Type (Saddle, Hunter, Stock)		_____	
		Date Leased/Purchased	
_____		_____	
Basic Color		Face & Leg Markings	

**On the diagrams, outline all markings with a solid line. Show all scars and brands.**



## Horse Identification Continued



# Goals & Accomplishments for this Project

Choose at least 8 goals for you and your project this year. Goals should be established at the beginning of the project, but can change as you excel and work with your project. Goals should be a challenge, but something that is within sight of achieving. When you start to record your goals, you should look back at the accomplishments you made in previous years and compare where you were then to where you want to be now. You may choose from the goals given, or make your own. Once you have accomplished your goals, have your advisor initial and date that goal. If you have accomplished any of the examples provided, fill in when you accomplished it!

Plan to do	Goal	Date Achieved	Advisor's Initials	Notes/Advisor's Comments
	<i>Meet PAS (Performance Against Standards) for 1 or more classes</i>			
	<i>Exhibit my horse at an Open Horse Show</i>			
	<i>Exhibit my horse at the Ohio State Fair Jr. Horse Show</i>			
	<i>Take responsibility for the training and showing of my horse.</i>			
	<i>Participate in horse judging, horse bowl, hippology, or speaking contest.</i>			

# Preparing a Budget

By creating a budget you will be able to predict and be prepared for what it costs to keep your horse for one year. There may be times through the year that unexpected expenses arise. Were those items in your budget? Not every category will be filled out for everyone, these are just guidelines to help ensure you aren't forgetting anything. For example, if you lease/board you won't list the cost of utilities, since that is included with your lease/boarding. You may find that some items are free, or sponsored. Be sure to ask questions and research the costs of these items so you can know you will have the funds needed each month to sustain your animal.

\* **Unit** = Weight, Bale, Visit, Week, Month, etc.

Item	Quantity	Price Per Unit*	Total Estimated Cost Per Year
<i>Example: My Lease is \$300 per month. I plan to lease from April 1 - August 1</i>	<i>4 months</i>	<i>\$300/month</i>	<i>\$1,200.00</i>
Cost of animal raised, leased or purchased			
Grain			
Supplements			
Hay			
Supplies			
Equipment			
Tack			
Bedding			
Riding Lessons			
Farrier			
Veterinary			
Transportation			
Breeding/Registration Fees			
Rent/Lease of buildings/stalls			
Utilities			
Advertising and/or marketing costs			
Show Entry Fees			
County Fair Entry Fees			
Camps/Clinic Fees			
Insurance on animals			
Massage/Chiropractor Sessions			
Dental Exams			



## Preparing a Budget

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**What is the estimated *monthly* cost for your project this year?** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Total Estimated Costs per Year ÷ 12)

# Inventory & Equipment

Take an inventory of the supplies and equipment that you owned at the start of the year. Don't forget to include all riding attire, grooming supplies, halters, tack, and any other misc. equipment that you may have. **ONLY INCLUDE THE SUPPLIES YOU HAD BEFORE STARTING THIS PROJECT YEAR.** If you sold any of your supplies, be sure to include what you sold it for so those figures can be added into your income! **Any purchases that you made after starting this year's project you will record in the Operating Expenses table.**

Item	Number of Items	Sale Price if Sold During Project Year
<i>Examples: Feed Buckets</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>~</i>
<i>Clippers</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>~</i>
<i>Hunt Coat</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
Total Profit from items sold		

Box 1 ▲

## Operating Expenses

Now that you created your Budget on page 9, or projection of what you anticipate your project will cost, you need to record the actual costs for your project. List any costs that is NOT feed OR the cost of the animal below. Examples will include any tack and supplies, barn repairs, fence repairs, show entries, chiropractic sessions, massage sessions, etc. If additional pages are needed feel free to add them.

\* **Unit** = weight, bale, visit, etc.

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## Operating Expenses Continued

Total Operating Expenses				

**Box 2 ▲**

# Health Care Record/Expenses

Record your animals bill of health! Be sure to list diseases, injury, medications that your animal has received treatment for. Routine deworming, dental examinations and vaccinations would go here as well. Some years this category will have more items than others - just depends on the health of the animal and if they have any injuries.

Date	Type of Visit/Treatment - <i>Injury, medications, amount, details of the exam</i>	Cost of Treatment
3/15/2022	Spring Vaccinations - EWV, Rabies, Tetanus, Flu, WNV, Potomac Horse Fever. Given IM with full physical exam	\$130.00
Total Health Care Costs		

Box 3 ▲

# Hoof Care Record/Expenses

Date	Care Given	Cost of care
3/1/2022	Removed old shoes, trimmed hooves. 2 new aluminum shoes on front feet.	\$85.00
Total Cost of Hoof Care		

Box 4 ▲

## Feed Expense

Even if you do not own your horse, it is very important to know what is involved in their nutrition. If your grain is purchased in larger quantities to feed multiple horses, you can still calculate how much your one horse costs to feed with some simple math.

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# Feed Expense Continued


Total Feed Costs

Box 5 ▲



## Award/Income Record

Include all awards and monies from hippology, skillathon, interview judging, project judging, public speaking, shows, or other events you participated in during your project.

Date	Contest/Show/Event	Award	
		Ribbon	Income*
July 11	Summit County Open Show	1	\$12
Total Income from Premiums Won (if applicable)			

\*Income could be premiums won at shows, money earned through giving lessons, giving rides on your horse, braiding, etc.

**Box 6 ▲**

# Total Yearly Cost

## Expenses

A. Operating Expenses From page 12 Box #2 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Health Care Expenses From page 13 Box #3 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Hoof Care Expenses From page 14 Box #4 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Feed Expenses From page 16 Box #5 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Expenses** (Add A, B, C, D) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Income

E. Equipment Sold From page 10 Box #1 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

F. Income From page 17 Box #6 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Income** (Add E & F) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Total Costs

**Yearly Cost** (Total Expenses - Total Income) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Daily Cost** (Yearly Cost ÷ 365) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Were you within the means of your budget?

Look back at page 9 for your Total Estimated Costs Per Year.

**Total Estimated Costs/Yr.** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Yearly Cost** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If your **yearly costs** are **MORE** than your **estimated costs** you would have exceeded your budget. What do your calculations tell you? Were you over or under budget?

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Were there areas that you need to budget more or less money for next year?

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# Riding/Training Record

This part of your recordkeeping is to help follow the progress of your riding & training goals. You can fill this out on a weekly basis depending on the amount of training you do. Don't forget to include riding lessons!

<b>Date</b> 1/2-1/9	<b>Time Worked</b> 6hrs	<b>Goal</b> Teach horse to go slower at the lope	<b>How do you plan to accomplish your goal?</b> Work with my instructor to learn what exercises I can do to help my horse go slower at the canter.
<b>Results</b> Improved flexibility & balance with suppling exercises.			
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# Project Review

**1. What is something about your project that you have enjoyed this year? What is something that you have NOT enjoyed?**

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**2. How many hours do you have invested in just Riding/Training your animal?**

*Add all your hours from your Riding/Training Record pages*

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***Did you know that The Ohio State University 4-H Horse Program offers a Riding & Driving Recognition Program? Visit [go.osu.edu/4HRIDE](http://go.osu.edu/4HRIDE) to track your hours!***

**3. What would you say is an area where you have improved most this year?**

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**4. What is something that you want to continue to improve on for next year?**

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