



Summit County Equine Record Book 2026

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 records 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 OR 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.)

2. What responsibilities will the 4-H 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 stalls, electricity, water, bedding.)

Signature of youth _____

Date _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Date _____

Project Pictures

(Picture of your Project Animal)

Sire _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Your Horse _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Dam _____

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

Horse Identification

Horse's Name _____ Horse or Pony (circle one)

Height _____ Age _____ Mare or Gelding (circle one)

Is your horse leased Yes or No (circle one)

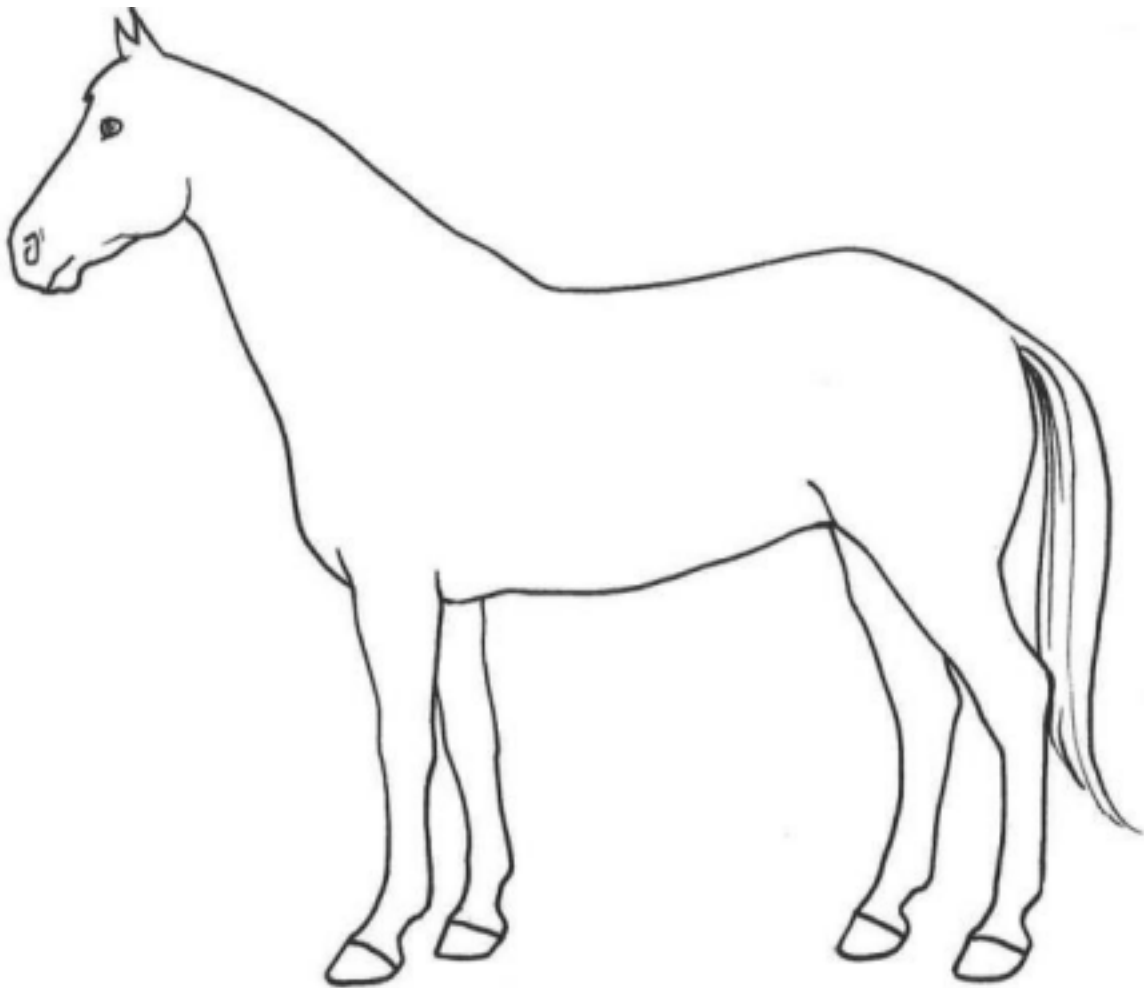
Breed or Type: Saddle, Hunter, Stock (circle one)

Date Leased/Purchased _____

Basic Color _____ Face & Leg

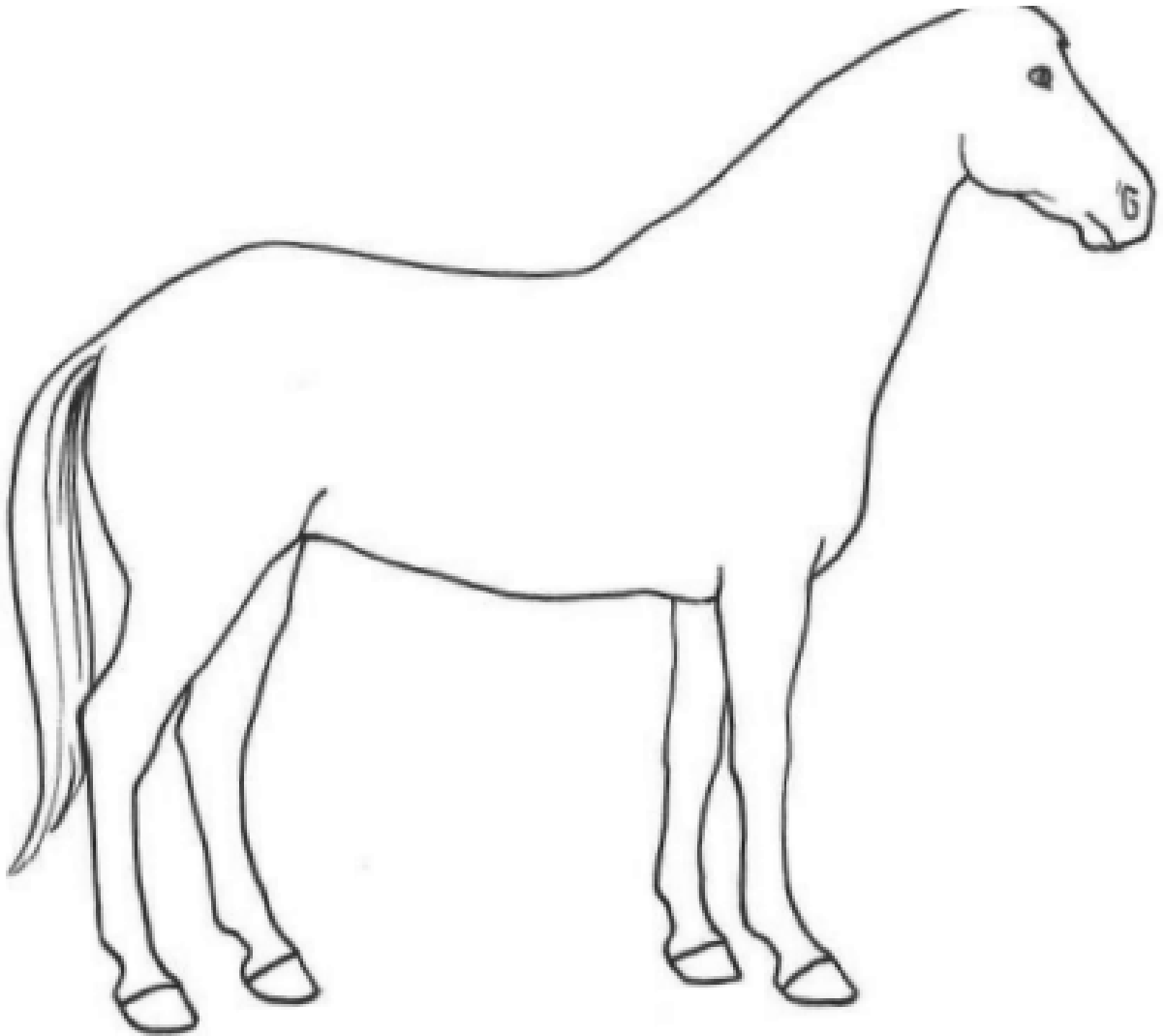
Markings _____

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



Horse Identification Continued

Please include your ears on this diagram!!!!



Goals & Accomplishments for this Project

Include 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 throughout 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/board is \$300 per month.</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			
Veterinary/Dental Exam/Farrier			
Breeding/Registration Fees			
Rent/Lease of buildings/Stalls/Utilities (Board)			
Camps/Clinic Fees			
Show Entry Fees, County Fair Entry Fees			
Insurance on animals/Transportation			
Massage/Chiropractor Sessions			
Other overhead/operating costs			
Total Estimated Costs per Year			

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 Clippers Hunt Coat</i>	4 1 1	\$75
Total Profit from items sold		

Operating Expenses

Now that you created your Budget on page 8, or projection of what you anticipate your project will cost, you need to record the actual costs for your project. List any costs that are 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.

Date	Items	Quantity	Price Per Unit*	Total Cost
4/1/2026	Lease	4 months	\$300 per Month	\$1,200
Total Operating Expenses				

Health Care Record/Expenses

Record your animal's bill of health! Be sure to list diseases, injuries, 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. If additional pages are needed feel free to add them.

Date	Type of Visit/Treatment - <i>Injury, medications, amount, details of the exam</i>	Cost of Treatment
4/1/2026	<i>**Spring Vaccinations - EWV, Rabies, Tetanus, Flu, WNV, Potomac Horse Fever. Given IM with full physical exam</i>	
Total Cost of Health Care		

Hoof Care Record/Expense

If additional pages are needed feel free to add them.

Date	Care Given	Cost of Care
4/1/2026	<i>Removed old shoes, trimmed hooves. 2 new aluminum shoes on front feet.</i>	\$85.00
Total Cost of Hoof Care		

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. If additional pages are needed feel free to add them.

Date	Type	Name	Unit	Weight	Cost Per Unit
4/1/2026	Grain	Nutrena Safechoice Senior	Bag	50 lb	\$24.99
	Hay	Alfalfa	Bales	40lb	\$ 5.50
	Supplements	Farnam Weight Builder	Bucket	7.5lbs	\$44.99
Total Cost of Feed					

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. *Income could be premiums won at shows, money earned through giving lessons, giving rides on your horse, braiding, etc. If additional pages are needed feel free to add them.

Date	Contest/Show/Event	Awards	
		Ribbon placing	Income*
4/1/2026	<i>Summit County Open Show</i>	<i>1st</i>	\$12
Total Income from Premiums Won (if applicable) _____			

Total Yearly Costs

Expenses

A. Operating Expenses From page 10 \$ _____

B. Health Care Expenses From page 11 \$ _____

C. Hoof Care Expenses From page 11 \$ _____

D. Feed Expenses From page 12 \$ _____

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

Income

E. Equipment Sold From page 9 \$ _____

F. Income From page 13 \$ _____

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 8 for your Total Estimated Costs Per Year.

Total Estimated Costs per Year (page 8) \$ _____ **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?

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

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!

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

Project Review

1. What is something about your project that you have enjoyed this year?

2. What is something that you have NOT enjoyed?

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

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

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

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

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

The 4-H Motto

“To Make the Best Better”

The 4-H Pledge

My HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
For my club, my community,
my country and my world.

4-H was founded on January 15, 1902 in Clark County, Ohio by Albert Belmont Graham as an educational program for the nation's rural youth.

We hope you had fun filling out your record book and that you learned many things about your horse and yourself in 2026!