

LEVEL 1 4-H Horsemanship Skills



EVALUATION SHEET

Member's Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Age) _____

Address _____

Club _____ County _____ Performance or Production _____
(CIRCLE ONE)

Horse's Name _____ Date _____

Basic handling	Pass or Retest		Examiners' Comments
1-1 Properly approach a horse safely and correctly	P	R	
1-2 Properly halter a horse	P	R	
1-3 Lead, turn, and back horse safely and correctly	P	R	
1-4 Lead a horse into and out of a stall	P	R	
1-5 Tie a horse at appropriate level and length	P	R	
1-6 Tie a quick release knot	P	R	
1-7 Perform simple grooming on the body of a horse	P	R	
1-8 Pick up feet and clean properly	P	R	
1-9 Bridle horse—check fit and be able to make basic adjustments	P	R	
1-10 Saddle horse—check fit and be able to make basic adjustments	P	R	
1-11 Practice safety rules when turning a horse loose	P	R	
1-12 Practice safety around the horse while handling	P	R	
Riding			
1-13 Mount and dismount properly (may use mounting block)	P	R	
1-14 Describe and discuss safely riding in a group	P	R	
1-15 Use proper basic seat, leg, and body position with balance	P	R	
1-16 Demonstrate proper use of reins; hand position and action	P	R	
At a walk with control and proper position:			
1-17 start and stop (gradual and balanced)	P	R	
1-18 check and release (demonstrating control of horse)	P	R	
1-19 turn while walking and walk in both directions	P	R	
1-20 ride a circle both directions and do a figure 8	P	R	
At a jog or trot with control and proper position:			
1-21 start and stop (gradual and balanced)	P	R	
1-22 check and release (demonstrating control of horse)	P	R	
1-23 turn while jogging or trotting both directions	P	R	
1-24 ride a circle both directions and do a figure 8	P	R	
1-25 Drop and regain stirrups while at a halt	P	R	
1-26 Emergency dismount	P	R	
1-27 Equipment, dress, overall attitude, and confidence	P	R	

To pass this level, the 4-H member must have mastered each section of the test.

Passed _____

Retest will be the entire Level 1 skills.

Retest _____

Level 1 emphasizes basic, correct, and safe principles of handling and riding a horse.

EXAMINERS' SIGNATURES 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

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