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*Section 1—Educational Opportunities for Horse Owners

Contains information on workshops, clinics and programs.

*Section 2—The 4-H Horse Project

CEA's please copy this entire section or forward electronically to your key adult leaders. This is important information on opportunities, deadlines and required paperwork that needs to be distributed at 4-H Horse Projects meetings. All 4-H leaders, members and families need this information.

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Contagious Equine Metritis Outbreak in the United States

In December of 2008, the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa confirmed the presence of Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) in two stallions (one American Quarter Horse and one American Paint Horse) originating from the same premise in Kentucky. As of January 15th, 2009, a total of nine infected stallions (four in Kentucky, three in Indiana, one in Wisconsin and one in Texas) have tested positive for CEM. Although this continues to be an evolving situation, at the current time, there are 38 states tracing and testing horses that may have been exposed to CEM. As of January 15th, 2009, approximately 275 horses in 38 states have been identified and placed under hold order or quarantine by state animal health authorities, pending diagnostic test results. In Texas, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is in the process of performing a full scale epidemiological investigation and testing is ongoing at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

The Disease and Transmission:

CEM is a highly contagious venereal disease caused by the bacterium *Taylorella equigenitalis*. Transmission commonly occurs during sexual intercourse between undetected CEM-positive breeding mares and stallions. Indirect infection can also occur through contact with contaminated water, utensils and instruments, hands and/or artificial insemination.

Infected stallions rarely show clinical signs, however in the mare there are three states of infection: Acute: active inflammation and obvious discharge 1-6 days post mating; Chronic: Infection deep seated, difficult to clear. Clinical signs not obvious and discharge may not be seen for up to 80 days post infection; and Carrier: No signs of infection, bacteria are present in reproductive tract, mare is still infectious.

CEM Diagnosis:

CEM diagnosis occurs through culture of the organism. Culture of *Taylorella equigenitalis* is technically difficult, and quality of the sample provided to the laboratory can play a large role in proper and timely diagnosis of the organism. Therefore, it is essential that proper sample collection, handling and shipping procedures be followed.

For information on sample collection, you should contact your State's Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC).

Proper handling and Shipment of Sample:

Swabs MUST be placed deep into Amies with Charcoal transport media, refrigerated (not frozen) immediately (in a cooler stall-side) and shipped using frozen ice packs. Each vial of transport media must contain only one swab. Swabs should be labeled with the horse name and site of collection (e.g. clitoral sinus, clitoral fossa, etc.) Specimens MUST arrive at the laboratory within 48 hours of collection. Specimens arriving in media other than Amies with Charcoal, specimens arriving without being chilled on ice packs and/or specimens that are received later than 48 hours after collection are required by federal regulations to be "NO TESTED".

PLEASE CALL TVMDL PRIOR TO COLLECTION AND SHIPMENT OF SAMPLES FOR TESTING.

Biosecurity:

CEM is not spread through casual contact. It is important to maintain strict hygiene when handling mares and stallions (e.g., use disposable gloves, change gloves between horses, and thoroughly clean and disinfect instruments).

For more information on the disease, please see: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/content/printable_version/hcem.pdf

Equine Parasites Remain a Threat in Winter Months

In many parts of the country, winter means less time for horses to graze on pastures — but with about 40 parasite species waiting to infect horses, controlling parasites in the winter can set horses up for a healthy year.

“Winter is no time to let your guard down,” says Dr. Hoyt Cheramie, DVM, MS, manager, Veterinary Services, Merial. “The key to effective parasite control is to break the life cycle. There is no single time of year that can easily address all the species and stages of parasites that a horse may face, so it is important to remember to monitor parasites year-round.”

Bots can continue to be a threat during the winter months for most horses, while roundworms and threadworms may be a threat for foals and younger horses.

The bot larval stage is considered the most damaging to the horse. Large numbers of bot larvae can interfere with digestion, and there is a risk that infected horses may become malnourished and emaciated. Heavy infections can block food’s passage from the stomach to the intestine, which causes the horse to show signs of colic. Bots also may stimulate secondary infections of the horse’s stomach lining and can even lead to death in the event of a ruptured stomach. However, horses infected with bots may show no clinical signs.

While many worm parasites may not survive the winter in all parts of the country, roundworm eggs (ascarids) are extremely hardy and can survive in a pasture or stall for many years.

More susceptible to roundworms than older horses, foals can ingest roundworm eggs by licking walls, floors and bedding. In addition, foals may shed ascarid eggs in the winter, potentially exposing other horses in

the barn. In severe roundworm infections, foals can appear to be in poor body condition, lack energy and can occasionally colic.

Roundworms are a risk for young horses, because they don’t have an acquired immunity against them like older horses. Additionally, once on a farm, roundworms are exceedingly tough to get rid of because cold weather does not affect them. In fact, if roundworm contamination is severe, pastures may need to be plowed under and reseeded.

Threadworms are another threat to young foals. While nursing, infection can spread from the mother’s milk to the foal. Even though the parasite is rarely considered a concern in adult horses, mares often have larval stages that are activated by foaling.

Even under the best management practices, horses are likely to be infected with parasites. Management techniques such as preventing fecal contamination in the feed and water troughs can help control parasite populations.

The main thing is to try to remove manure and roundworm egg contamination. Use a high-pressure washer to wash stalls and, in the case of roundworms, replace the top inches of footing in the stall.

A regular deworming program is an effective way to ensure the parasite life cycle is interrupted. When choosing a dewormer, remember not every product is labeled for all stages of bots and other winter parasite concerns. A broad-spectrum dewormer will help control the many species and stages of bots and other winter parasites year-round. Plus, a dewormer that can be used on foals will help control threats from roundworms and threadworms. Choosing a dewormer that doesn’t control as many parasite species and stages as possible can leave horses vulnerable.

County Horse Judging Team Support

On-Line Horse Judging Series Performance Classes Now Available

The on-line horse judging series continues to be updated monthly and available on the following website: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/index.htm> . The webpage gives a brief introduction on judging the current class and provides an introductory video, a 2-horse class

and a 4-horse class. The presentations come with video of each horse, the official placing and cuts, plus an audio critique of the class and/or a set of reasons. Archived presentations of halter and performance classes are also available on the webpage.

Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guides and Manuals

Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Leader Guides and Manuals are available on-line at the Texas AgriLife Bookstore - <http://agrilifebookstore.org/> . Leader guides include reference material for judging team coaches and adult leaders, as well as take home worksheets for judging team members. The man-

ual is a supplement to the leader guide and provides additional information, as well as reasons terminology, for the judging team members. The leader guides are available in print and on CD for \$25, and the manuals are available for \$15.

May 1 Reminder - Texas 4-H Futurity Horse Projects

All 4-H horse projects, including Futurity horses, must be owned and validated on or before May 1. This process begins at the county level with the appropriate paperwork and a \$10 fee/horse.

Details are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter and a form is also attached. Contact the Horse Specialists' office if you have any questions. Brett Scott—979.845.1562

Horse Short Course—May 1st & 2nd

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service is hosting a day and a half Horse Short course in May. This workshop will include the following: Craig Cameron – Building the Foundation for a Training Program, Tyler Magnus – Advanced Training of Rope Horses, Dennis Moreland – Proper Care and Selection of Tack, Equine Science Faculty—Equine Re-

search Updates, Conformation and Selection of Performances Horses, Pasture Management, New Innovative Techniques for Improving Performance, Equine Environmental Issue Facing Horse Owners and Current Health Topics for Horse Owners. For more information, see flyer on page 10 or call 979.845.1562.

Basic Horse Management 101 County Program

The Texas *AgriLIFE* Extension Service, Basic Horse Management 101 model program has been on the road in the Spring of 2008. Dr. Brett Scott gives lead to these very successful programs. Agents have involved numerous local and regional experts in their programs and have had a tremendous response to the program.

Several of the programs have included a trade show, which has allowed local merchants to have involvement in the programs. Additionally, local farriers, veterinarians, feed industry personnel and Texas *AgriLIFE* Extension Service specialists have been involved in the programs. The programs have included the following topics: Basic Safety, Pasture and Hay Selection, Basic Horse Nutrition, Facility Design, Health Care, Equine Dentistry, Body

Condition Score and Weight Estimation, Permanent Identification and Hoof Care.

Some counties have chosen to include selected topics that are covered in the Basic Horse Management agenda in their multi-species programs. This approach has worked very well. CEA Rick Maxwell included selected BHM 101 topics in a day long program multi-species field day. These types of programs work very well. On average these programs attract 30-50 attendees.

If you are interested in hosting a Basic Horse Management 101 program, please contact Dr. Scott, bdscott@ag.tamu.edu, 979.845.1562.

37th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program

Every year, teams of Horse Program Assistants are trained to go out to individual counties and teach either 2-day or 3-day horsemanship schools. These are hands-on schools for 4-Hers, parents and volunteer leaders in the county who bring their horses and participate in a variety of basic and advanced horsemanship drills and maneuvers. Over the last 36 years, this program has reached 44,546 people with 1,251 schools. There are usually anywhere from 25 to 40 county requests every year for schools that are conducted from late May through early July.

Due to the increased cost in travel, the 37th Annual Summer Horsemanship School fees will be increased for 2009. The schools still remain a great value for the amount of

time and instruction given to participants. For 2009, the table below provides information on the approximate amount that should be charged to each youth or adult rider, depending upon the amount of riders that attend.

We recognize that counties utilize different methods of paying for the schools. The table below should be helpful to those counties that pay the cost with user fees. It should be noted that, although a large number of participants are youth riders, adult riders are welcome and encouraged to participate in the schools. Counties are highly encouraged to team-up with neighboring counties, if they do not have enough riders to fill the school. Maximum attendance is suggested to be 30 riders, in order to maintain a good student to instructor ratio.

37th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program—con't

Number of riders	Approximate cost per rider for a 2-day school
30	\$38.00
20	\$57.00
10	\$115.00
Number of riders	Approximate cost per rider for a 3-day school
30	\$45.00
20	\$67.00
10	\$135.00

Request forms for 2-day and 3-day schools for 2009 are located in the back of the newsletter. These forms, along with a deposit of \$300.00, are due by **January 31, 2009**. The remaining balance of \$830.00 for a 2-day school and \$1030.00 for a 3-day school is due by **May 15, 2009**. Remember that all youth, parents, and volunteers are welcome and encouraged to be horseback at the schools. For questions or more information, please contact Teri Antilley, Horse Program Specialist, at 979-845-5264 or tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu.

Additional information can be found on the website <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/equine.html>. The following counties have already made a request for a school in 2009: Blanco, Liberty, Williamson, Jackson, Red River, Somervell, San Patricio, Bastrop, Montgomery, Duval, Brazoria and Taylor.

Texas 4-H Validation Program—Horse

Agents can now access the 4-H Horse Excel Validation spread sheet program and instructions from the same web site where other livestock validation information is hosted. <http://countyprograms.tamu.edu/ValPrg.htm>.

This Excel work sheet will also be emailed to all of the agents in March; however, if you want to begin the process earlier, you may obtain the form from the web site.

The process has not changed this year. You will need to have your 4-H'ers complete a Validation sheet and submit \$ 10.00/horse that they are validating. Complete the Excel sheet, collect the validation fee and submit the complete form to Dr. Scott prior to May 8th, 2009. bdscott@ag.tamu.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Scott, 979.845.1562.

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rules—2009

District Horse Shows to Offer 22 Classes in Qualifying Division

Each District will offer the following **22 classes** in Divisions that make up the Qualifying Category at all 2009 shows. A 4-Her must show in at least one class in each Division in order to 'qualify' for the State 4-H Horse Show. A futurity project horse must be shown at District in order to Qualify for a futurity class at the State Show.

Halter Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Geldings, Registered Five-Year-old & Older Geldings, Grade Geldings, Grand & Reserve Champion Gelding, Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Mares, Registered Five-Yr-Old & Older Mares, Grade Halter Mares and Grand & Reserve Champion Mare

These halter classes have always been held at all District Shows. The only change regarding halter classes is that they are now in a Division, and a 4-Her may show a halter horse only. In other words, it does not have to be the same horse that is shown in a performance class, but it could be the same horse.

Judged Western Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, and Trail

Trail will be held at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows.

Speed Events Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Barrels, Poles and Stakes

Same 3 speed classes as in past years. A 4-Her who shows a horse in some other division can also show a speed horse.

Hunter-Flat Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation

Yearling Halter Gelding Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Yearling Halter Filly Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Yearling Longe Line Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

2-Year-Old Western Pleasure Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

3-Year-Old Stock Horse Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

All futurity project horses must be shown at District to be eligible for State.

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rules — 2009 (con't)

Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows

The 2009 District shows offer a balanced set of Qualifying classes, and a 4-Her must simply **show in at least one class within a division in order to qualify for all the classes in that division** at the State 4-H Horse Show. **They do not have to earn one or more points.**

Number of Horses a 4-Her Can Show at District/State Shows in Qualifying Division

For well over 40 years, a 4-Her could only show one horse at the District show in the Qualifying Division. However, numerous horses could be shown in the Open category. Beginning in 2008, they could show one horse in each Division at District Horse Shows, or the same horse in all divisions, provided any/all horse(s) were validated as projects by May 1.

While most 4-Hers will continue to show only one horse, often in two or three divisions, these changes now allow a 4-Her to show a separate horse in halter, in western judged, in hunter-flat and in speed events. They can **only show one horse in each Qualifying Division**. Since the futurity classes involve yearlings, two-year-olds or three-year-old horses, each futurity class is listed as a division, in order to make it simpler for District 4-H Horse Show Management Teams to track.

Futurity Projects Must be Shown at District in Order to Show at State

The 4-H Futurity Program has been in existence for many years. District 4-H Horse Shows will offer the 5 futurity classes, and a 4-Her **MUST** show their Futurity Project at District, in order to enter State in the Futurity Division.

4-H Horse Project Validation – May 1 Deadline

May 1 has and continues to be the deadline for a 4-Her to certify a horse. Beginning in 2008, the term **'validation'** was utilized for this process. May 1 is the absolute deadline for 4-Hers to validate a horse, which certifies that the project is owned by the 4-Her or their sibling, parent, grandparent or legal guardian. The process validates that the horse is owned and not leased or borrowed.

Horses not validated on or before May 1 are ineligible for District and State 4-H Horse Shows. Each 4-H horse project validated by a 4-Her must be accompanied by a \$10 fee, of which half will go to the District 4-H Horse Show and half to the State Office. The fee will help offset delivery costs for established 4-H horse activities and management of the statewide validation listing/process. Districts will utilize the fee to help offset District Horse delivery/production costs. At such a point in time that State 4-H Horse Show entries were to become electronic, the ability to have a county/district/state merged validation file for all horses identified as projects will be important. County Extension offices will complete the validation process almost identical to previous years. A certification form has been modified to now be a Validation form. A form must be filled out by the 4-Her for each horse being validated. CEA office personnel will collect those forms and a check from each 4-Her for \$10/horse. **CEA offices have until May 5** to transfer the validation information and fees to the Horse Specialists' office. This transfer will be achieved using the excel spreadsheet. Fees will be mailed. Once all fees are deposited in the Texas 4-H Foundation, 50% of that amount will be transferred to the appropriate Districts. As in past years, CEA offices will keep the Horse Validation Forms on file in their office for one year. Validation forms will be available in the CEA Horse Newsletter.

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rules — 2009 (con't)

Non – Qualifying (Open or Invitational Classes)

Some Districts also offer a variety of Open (Invitational) classes, and whether they are offered or not at a District show, a 4-Her **is not** required to show in the following Open classes, in order to enter those classes at State. They must, however, meet entry deadlines, and for many Districts, that deadline for entering the State 4-H Horse Show is at the close of the District Show.

Listed below are those classes that may or may not be offered at all District Horse Shows. If offered at District, they are Non-Qualifying classes and a 4-Her **does not** have to show in these classes in order to enter them at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Roping Division

Tie-Down Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping

Hunter Over Fence Division

Working Hunter, Equitation Over Fences, Hunter Hack and Open Jumping

Drill/Precision Riding Division

Mounted Drill Teams and Precision Riding Teams

Stock Horse Division

Working Cow Horse (cow work only), Team Penning, Reining, Cutting and Stock Horse Trail (NEW in 2008)

General Open Reminders

Rules for determining high points in these Open Divisions are not changed from last year.

Remind 4-H members and families that these 14 Open Classes must be entered according to the timeline set by each individual District. In most cases, all State 4-H Horse Show entries are due to the District office by the end of the District 4-H Horse Show.

What 4-Hers and Families Need to Know

County Extension Offices are asked to make certain that all 4-H horse project members receive all of the above information regarding 1) class offerings at District Horse Shows, 2) requirement to show in at least one class in a Division in order to enter that and other classes in a division at the State Show and 3) May 1 Validation with a \$10 fee/horse. If a 4-Her plans to go to state in any class that is listed above and designated as a class within a Qualifying Division, **they must show at the District 4-H Horse Show**. In some Districts, this will impact 4-Hers who are interested in the Hunter-Flat classes, Trail and Futurity Classes, as not all District Horse Shows have held those classes in past years. All 4-Hers who nominate 4-H Futurity Horse Projects on or before May 1 will have to qualify by showing the futurity horse(s) at the District 4-H Horse Show, in order to be eligible to enter the futurity class(es) at the State 4-H Horse Show. For many 4-H families, there is now more flexibility for a 4-Her to show more than one horse. Most families are familiar with the May 1 deadline, but all 4-Hers must validate horse projects on or before May 1 by completing a Horse Certification Form accompanied by \$10 per horse. CEAs, please be certain to get all of the information to all 4-H members **early** in 2009. Our communication on this is very important.



Horse Short Course

May 1st & 2nd, 2009

presented by

Texas AgriLife Extension Service & TAMU Equine Science Program

Featured Speakers

Craig Cameron – Building the Foundation for a Training Program

Tyler Magnus – Advanced Training of Rope Horses

Dennis Moreland – Proper Care and Selection of Tack

Equine Science Faculty - Equine Research Updates, Conformation and Selection of Performances Horses, Pasture Management, New Innovative Techniques for Improving Performance, Equine Environmental Issue Facing Horse Owners, Current Health Topics for Horse Owners and Pre-Purchase Examinations.

Program begins at 6:00 p.m. - Friday, May 1st at the N.W. Dick Freeman Arena in College Station, TX. Saturday, May 2nd, begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Kleberg Building on the TAMU campus and will conclude at N.W. Dick Freeman Arena. Cost is \$ 50.00/person prior to April 24. Registration after April 24, \$ 60.00/person. Registration fee includes lunch and printed material from workshop.

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For registration information, go to <http://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu>. For registration questions, please call Valerie - 979.845.2604. For all other inquiries, please contact Kristi – 979.845.1562

Calendar of Events—2009		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 16-17	Annual Shot Membership Meeting, Conference and Award Banquet	817.626.6000
Jan 24	Johnson Co. Open Youth Horse Judging Contest-Cleburne	Ed Bader, 817.447.1704
Jan 31	Deadline for submitting Summer Horsemanship School Request Forms	Teri Antilley, 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 7	Ft. Worth Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest Coliseum-Ft. Worth	Stock Show— 817.877.2400
Feb 7-8	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Lone Star Arena-Stephenville	Don Henneke— 254.968.9222
Feb 12	San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show Office—210.225.0575
Feb 13	San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Horse Bowl Contest	Stock Show Office—210.225.0575
Mar 3-5	Annual SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Two-Day Clinic and Competition—Abilene	Glenn Hodges—254.386.4131
Mar 6	Matagorda Co. Open Youth Horse Judging Contest-Bay City	Brent Batchelor—979.245.4100
Mar 9	HLS&R Youth Horse Judging Contest—Katy	Stock Show—832.667.1000 www.rodeohouston.com
Mar 13-14	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition—Ft. Worth	Ken Johnson—817.884.1946
Mar 16	Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo SHOT Collegiate Challenge—Austin	Jessie Highfill—512.919.3005
Apr 4	Multi-District 4-H Horse Judging Contest-College Station	District 5,7,9,11,12 Offices
Apr 23	Basic Horse Management 101 Program—Ector County	Crystal Henderson—432.498.4071
Apr 24-25	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Lubbock	Kris Wilson—806.742.2804 ext. 236
Apr 26	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility National Collegiate Invitational Competition—Lubbock	Kris Wilson—806.742.2804 ext. 236
Apr 28-30	State 4-H Leaders Reining Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett—254.823.6860
May 1-2	Texas AgriLIFE Extension Horse Short Course—College Station	Brett Scott—979.845.1562
May 1	Deadline for Validating 4-H Horse Projects—All Counties	Brett Scott, 979.845.1562 bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
May 15-17	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition—Glen Rose	John Burnside—254.823.6643

Calendar of Events—2009		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
May/June	37th Annual Summer Horsemanship Schools	Teri Antilley—979.845.1562
June 10	Texas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest-TAMU	Teri J. Antilley—979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
June 11	Texas State 4-H Individual/Team Demonstration Contest and Horse Public Speaking Contest—TAMU	Brett D. Scott, 979.845.1562 bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
June 11-13	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Belton	Dirk Aaron—254.933.5405
June 21-25	State 4-H Calf & Breakaway Roping School—Stephenville	Scott Anderson—325.646.0386
June 23-25	State 4-H Team Roping School—Llcvland	Chris Edens—806.894.3159
June 26-27	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Seguin	Glenn Averiett—830.620.3440
July 1	Deadline for Entries to Aggie Horse Judging Camp	Clay Cavinder—979.845.7731
July 8-10	Aggie Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Clay Cavinder—979.845.7731
July 15-17	Aggie Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Clay Cavinder—979.845.7731
July 17-18	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Sulfur Springs	Juli Hutchings—903.439.4909
July 25- Aug 1	47th Texas State 4-H Horse Show-Abilene	Horse Specialists Office 979.845.1562

To: County 4-H Horse Project Leaders

From: Your County Extension Office

The new year is here, and there are many opportunities for 4-Hers in the horse project. There are also some important deadlines and paperwork requirements for nominating young horses to the Texas 4-H Futurity horse program, and for certifying all other horses as projects for the current year.

This summer of 2009 marks the 37th anniversary for Texas AgriLife Extension's Summer Horsemanship School Program. If your county intends to host a two-day or three-day school, you have until January 31 to make a formal request. The Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations is being revised for 2009 and a copy will be posted to the internet by early Spring. The rules will also be available on the internet at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/index.html>. Some of the more significant rules which you need to know about are included in this letter. These rules are revised annually and apply to:

- 1) All County shows related to District show qualification
- 2) Our District 4-H Horse Show
- 3) The State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene
- 4) Futurity horse project— Nomination Deadline is May 1

Also, the calendar of events is included which lists dates for judging contests, State Roundup Horse contests, and the 47th Texas State 4-H Horse Show. Contact our office for information on other county-wide 4-H horse project activities and dates. In the meantime, as adult leaders involved with the horse project, please see that the information in this letter is shared with 4-Hers at the first two or three horse project meetings of 2009.

Horse Project Certification Deadlines

***May 1**—Deadline for Nominating/Validating yearlings, two-year-olds and three-year-olds for the Texas 4-H Futurity Horse Program. Categories include yearling halter, yearling longe line, two-year-old western pleasure and three-year old stock horse. This is an absolute deadline for nominations turned into the county office.

Each futurity project nomination/validation form that we will send to the state specialists' office must include a copy of the registration papers or

grade horse identification form. The futurity project is intended for older, more experienced 4-Hers who have acquired the skills necessary to manage, handle and train a young horse. Again this year, all 4-Hers who nominate futurity projects will have to be 12 years old or older as of September 1, 2008, which is the start of the current 4-H year. The age minimum applies only to the futurity project. This is the fifth year for the minimum age requirement.

Summer Horsemanship Schools

This summer will mark the 37th consecutive year that the program has been offered. These schools are taught by college-aged students and are designed to help 4-Hers achieve more with their existing horse project. The schools are hands-on, where 4-Hers bring their horses and participate in lengthy riding sessions that follow short demonstrations. Counties are highly encouraged to team-up with neighboring counties, if they do not have enough riders to fill the school. Maximum attendance is suggested to be 30 riders, in order to maintain a good student to instructor ratio. With 30 riders, participants should only be out of pocket \$38 for a 2-day school and \$45 for a 3-day school.

Request forms for 2-day and 3-day schools for 2009 are located in the newsletter. These forms, along with a deposit of \$300.00, are due by **January 31, 2009**. The remaining balance of \$830.00 for a 2-day school and \$1030.00 for a 3-day school is due by **May 15, 2009**. Remember that all youth, parents, and volunteers are welcome and encouraged to be horseback at the schools. For questions or more information, please contact Teri Antilley, Horse Program Specialist, at 979-845-5264 or tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu. Additional information can be found on the website <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/equine.html>.

Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations—Updates

All 4-Hers and family members with youth who show at County, District or State levels will benefit from access to the rules and regulations. The 2009 rule book will be available online by February. It can be found on two websites. They are <http://animalscience.tamu.edu>

and <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>. The 2008 version will remain on both websites, until the revised 2009 rules are posted. Here are some of the more significant general rules and some changes that everybody needs to be familiar with:

- 1) All 4-H horses must be **solely** owned by the 4-Her, their parents, brother, sister, grandparents or legal guardian. This includes Drill and Precision Team horses as well. No leased horses. *See hardship rule regarding Drill and Precision horses.*
- 2) At District and State shows, a horse may be ridden by only one 4-Her in the qualifying portion of the show, and by only one 4-Her in the open portion of the show. However, the same horse may be shown by one 4-Her in the qualifying show and by another 4-Her in the open show, provided that the 4-Hers are siblings, the ownership requirements are met, and the horse has been properly identified as a 4-H project by both siblings. Futurity horses may never be ridden by more than one person.
- 3) At the discretion of the county horse show committee, a 4-H member may be allowed to change horses between county and district shows, provided all horses involved meet ownership requirements. It is recommended that, in hardship cases, this substitution be allowed. Under no circumstances will horses be changed during a district show, and no change of horses will be allowed from district to state in the qualifying show. A change of horses may be allowed for the open classes, provided the horse was properly owned and identified on or before May 1.
- 4) **Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows—For many years, 4-Hers have had to enter Qualifying classes and earn one or more points in order to show in the qualifying category at the State 4-H Horse Show. The 2009 District shows will all offer a balanced set of Qualifying classes, and a 4-Her must simply **show in at least one class within a division, in order to qualify for all the classes in that division** at the State 4-H Horse Show. **They do not have to earn one or more points.****
- 5) In judged classes (excluding futurities), horses may be ridden with a curb, spade or halfbreed bit. Split reins must be used and held in one hand with no more than one finger between the reins. If a romal is used, fingers between the reins are not permitted. If a 4-Her chooses to exhibit a futurity project horse in qualifying classes such as western pleasure or horsemanship, those horses must be shown one-handed in a curb bit. However, since the futurity project is available, extended use of 2- and 3-year-old horses in qualifying show classes is discouraged, simply due to the immature state of such horses.

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- 6) Trail is now a Qualifying Class at District Shows.
- 7) Team Roping—a 4-Her enters as an individual and may enter only once. The partner can be any 4-Her who also is **entered** in the Team roping. A 4-Her may help as many times as desired. Points will be awarded only to the person entered, not the helper. Teams receiving a time in the first go will progress to the Finals. There is no progressive second go. Duplicate awards are presented to top placing teams overall.
- 8) In All Roping Classes—any unruly horse or horse considered unsafe to either the contestant or the arena help may be dismissed from the competition. Horses are expected to be able to enter the box and wait for the barrier to be set. Decisions on such matters are made by show management in charge of the roping events and are not subject to protest.
- 9) Age of Futurity Project 4-Hers—The minimum age for 4-Hers to nominate a futurity project will be 12 years of age or older on September 1, which is the start of the current 4-H year. This is the fourth year for the minimum age requirement.
- 10) Reining Prelims and Finals—At the State Show, the prelims score will be added to the finals score to determine placings.
- 11) Cutting Prelims and Finals—At the State Show, a 121 score or higher will be required in the prelims to advance to the finals. Class placings will be determined by adding the prelims score to the finals score.
- 12) Class Changes or Class Additions at State—Exhibitors who are already entered in the State 4-H Horse Show by July 1 will be allowed to add a class or change a class with a \$50 fee at the show. This is only for those who are already entered.
- 13) Drill/Precision Riding Teams—There will be NO PROPS. Only uniforms/costumes will be permitted. Props in the arena or on or around the entrance gate will not be used. Interest in Drill/Precision continues to grow. There may be changes to the State Show Schedule to better accommodate and showcase the Drill/Precision competitions. Less practice time in arenas will be available in the future. There will be no pyrotechnics or smoke of any kind. All riders on a team must be from the same county. **No pre-recorded introductory commentary will be allowed prior to or during the drill competition. Each team will be introduced by the announcer prior to the performance.**
- 14) Effective again in 2009, the use of golf carts, gators/mules/4-wheelers, all scooters, skates, skateboards, bicycles, as well as under-age drivers of pickups, suburbans and cars will be prohibited. It will be the policy of both the Taylor County Expo Center and the State 4-H Horse Committee that these be prohibited due to safety concerns and due to the accidents that have occurred. Only Expo Center Staff, State Show Management Team, the Official Veterinarian crew and the Patrolmen on duty will be using golf carts. Every County office is asked to please help get the word out about this, so people will know well in advance.

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- 15) Team Penning—The revised rulebook will contain additional wording on the location of the foul line, based on arena size at District shows. Expanded wording on determining top places has been added. Any substitutions at the State Horse Show will be subject to the \$50.00 fee.
- 16) Attire-There has been some concern over various types of boots that 4-Hers wear, centered mainly around tread designs that could make it difficult to remove a foot from the stirrup. The rule book states that any boot other than a leather sole boot is strongly discouraged in speed events!
- 17) **If an exhibitor dismounts for any reason other than a class requirement, they will receive a disqualification.**
- 18) At district and state shows, all exhibitors are asked to please refrain from allowing their horse(s) to be ridden by anyone other than the exhibitor. Many 4-H'ers have family members who will want to help hold, groom, saddle, and bridle horses in preparation for classes. This is encouraged, because family involvement is an important part of the 4-H Horse Program.
- 19) During all over-fence classes and schooling over fence events, it is **MANDATORY** that all riders wear properly fitted headgear with a fastened chin harness.
- 20) **It is highly recommended that patterns for District Horse shows contain both jog overs and lope overs, in order to better prepared trail class exhibitors for state show.**
- 21) **The rope must hold the calf until the roper gets their hands on the calf.**
- 22) **The fall of a horse or rider being judged shall be cause for disqualification in all classes. A horse is considered having fallen when he or she is on their side and all four feet are extended in the same direction. The rider is considered to have fallen when he or she is not astride.**

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rules—2009

District Horse Shows to Offer 22 Classes in Qualifying Division

Each District will offer the following **22 classes** in Divisions that make up the Qualifying Category at all 2009 shows. A 4-Her must show in at least one class in each Division in order to 'qualify' for the State 4-H Horse Show. A futurity project horse must be shown at District in order to Qualify for a futurity class at the State Show.

Halter Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Geldings, Registered Five-Year-old & Older Geldings, Grade Geldings, Grand & Reserve Champion Gelding, Registered Four-Year-old & Younger Mares, Registered Five-Yr-Old & Older Mares, Grade Halter Mares and Grand & Reserve Champion Mare

These halter classes have always been held at all District Shows. The only change regarding halter classes is that they are now in a Division, and a 4-Her may show a halter horse only. In other words, it does not have to be the same horse that is shown in a performance class, but it could be the same horse.

Judged Western Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, and Trail

Trail will be held at all 12 District 4-H Horse Shows.

Speed Events Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Barrels, Poles and Stakes

Same 3 speed classes as in past years. A 4-Her who shows a horse in some other division can also show a speed horse.

Hunter-Flat Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation

Yearling Halter Gelding Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Yearling Halter Filly Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

Yearling Longe Line Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

2-Year-Old Western Pleasure Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

3-Year-Old Stock Horse Futurity Division (1 horse per 4-Her)

All futurity project horses must be shown at District to be eligible for State.

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rules —2009 (con't)

Qualifying for State via District 4-H Horse Shows

The 2009 District shows offer a balanced set of Qualifying classes, and a 4-Her must simply **show in at least one class within a division, in order to qualify for all the classes in that division** at the State 4-H Horse Show. **They do not have to earn one or more points.**

Number of Horses a 4-Her Can Show at District/State Shows in Qualifying Division

For well over 40 years, a 4-Her could only show one horse at the District show in the Qualifying Division. However, numerous horses could be shown in the Open category. Beginning in 2008, they could show one horse in each Division at District Horse Shows, or the same horse in all divisions, provided any/all horse(s) were validated as projects by May 1.

While most 4-Hers will continue to show only one horse, often in two or three divisions, these changes now allow a 4-Her to show a separate horse in halter, in western judged, in hunter-flat and in speed events. They can **only show one horse in each Qualifying Division**. Since the futurity classes involve yearlings, two-year-olds or three-year-old horses, each futurity class is listed as a division, in order to make it simpler for District 4-H Horse Show Management Teams to track.

Futurity Projects Must be Shown at District in Order to Show at State

The 4-H Futurity Program has been in existence for many years. District 4-H Horse Shows will offer the 5 futurity classes, and a 4-Her **MUST** show their Futurity Project at District, in order to enter State in the Futurity Division.

4-H Horse Project Validation – May 1 Deadline

May 1 has and continues to be the deadline for a 4-Her to certify a horse. Beginning in 2008, the term '**validation**' was utilized for this process. May 1 is the absolute deadline for 4-Hers to validate a horse, which certifies that the project is owned by the 4-Her or their sibling, parent, grandparent or legal guardian. The process validates that the horse is owned and not leased or borrowed. **Horses not validated on or before May 1 are ineligible for District and State 4-H Horse Shows.** Each 4-H horse project validated by a 4-Her must be accompanied by a \$10 fee, of which half will go to the District 4-H Horse Show and half to the State Office. The fee will help offset delivery costs for established 4-H horse activities and management of the statewide validation listing/process. Districts will utilize the fee to help offset District Horse delivery/production costs. At such a point in time that State 4-H Horse Show entries were to become electronic, the ability to have a county/district/state merged validation file for all horses identified as projects will be important. County Extension offices will complete the validation process almost identical to previous years. A certification form has been modified to now be a Validation form. A form must be filled out by the 4-Her for each horse being validated. CEA office personnel will collect those forms and a check from each 4-Her for \$10/horse. **CEA offices have until May 5** to transfer the validation information and fees to the Horse Specialists' office. This transfer will be achieved using the excel spreadsheet. Fees will be mailed. Once all fees are deposited in the Texas 4-H Foundation, 50% of that amount will be transferred to the appropriate Districts. As in past years, CEA offices will keep the Horse Validation Forms on file in their office for one year. Validation forms will be available in the CEA Horse Newsletter.

Significant 4-H Horse Project Rules—2009 (con't)

Non – Qualifying (Open or Invitational Classes)

Some Districts also offer a variety of Open (Invitational) classes, and whether they are offered or not at a District show, a 4-Her **is not** required to show in the following Open classes, in order to enter those classes at State. They must, however, meet entry deadlines, and for many Districts, that deadline for entering the State 4-H Horse Show is at the close of the District Show.

Listed below are those classes that may or may not be offered at all District Horse Shows. If offered at District, they are Non-Qualifying classes and a 4-Her **does not** have to show in these classes in order to enter them at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Roping Division

Tie-Down Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping

Hunter Over Fence Division

Working Hunter, Equitation Over Fences, Hunter Hack and Open Jumping

Drill/Precision Riding Division

Mounted Drill Teams and Precision Riding Teams

Stock Horse Division

Working Cow Horse (cow work only), Team Penning, Reining, Cutting and Stock Horse Trail (NEW in 2008)

General Open Reminders

Rules for determining high points in these Open Divisions are not changed from last year.

Remind 4-H members and families that these 14 Open Classes must be entered according to the timeline set by each individual District. In most cases, all State 4-H Horse Show entries are due to the District office by the end of the District 4-H Horse Show.

What 4-Hers and Families Need to Know

County Extension Offices are asked to make certain that all 4-H horse project members receive all of the above information regarding 1) class offerings at District Horse Shows, 2) requirement to show in at least one class in a Division in order to enter that and other classes in a division at the State Show and 3) May 1 Validation with a \$10 fee/horse. If a 4-Her plans to go to state in any class that is listed above and designated as a class within a Qualifying Division, **they must show at the District 4-H Horse Show**. In some Districts, this will impact 4-Hers who are interested in the Hunter-Flat classes, Trail and Futurity Classes, as not all District Horse Shows have held those classes in past years. All 4-Hers who nominate 4-H Futurity Horse Projects on or before May 1 will have to qualify by showing the futurity horse(s) at the District 4-H Horse Show, in order to be eligible to enter the futurity class(es) at the State 4-H Horse Show. For many 4-H families, there is now more flexibility for a 4-Her to show more than one horse. Most families are familiar with the May 1 deadline, but all 4-Hers must validate horse projects on or before May 1 by completing a Horse Certification Form accompanied by \$10 per horse. CEAs, please be certain to get all of the information to all 4-H members **early** in 2009. Our communication on this is very important.

Calendar of Events—2009		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 16-17	Annual Shot Membership Meeting, Conference and Award Banquet	817.626.6000
Jan 24	Johnson Co. Open Youth Horse Judging Contest-Cleburne	Ed Bader, 817.447.1704
Jan 31	Deadline for submitting Summer Horsemanship School Request Forms	Teri Antilley, 979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
Feb 7	Ft. Worth Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest Coliseum-Ft. Worth	Stock Show— 817.877.2400
Feb 7-8	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition-Lone Star Arena-Stephenville	Don Henneke— 254.968.9222
Feb 12	San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Horse Judging Contest	Stock Show Office—210.225.0575
Feb 13	San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Horse Bowl Contest	Stock Show Office—210.225.0575
Mar 3-5	Annual SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Two-Day Clinic and Competition—Abilene	Glenn Hodges—254.386.4131
Mar 6	Matagorda Co. Open Youth Horse Judging Contest-Bay City	Brent Batchelor—979.245.4100
Mar 9	HLS&R Youth Horse Judging Contest—Katy	Stock Show—832.667.1000 www.rodeohouston.com
Mar 13-14	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition—Ft. Worth	Ken Johnson—817.884.1946
Mar 16	Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo SHOT Collegiate Challenge—Austin	Jessie Highfill—512.919.3005
Apr 4	Multi-District 4-H Horse Judging Contest-College Station	District 5,7,9,11,12 Offices
Apr 23	Basic Horse Management 101 Program—Ector County	Crystal Henderson—432.498.4071
Apr 24-25	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Lubbock	Kris Wilson—806.742.2804 ext. 236
Apr 26	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility National Collegiate Invitational Competition—Lubbock	Kris Wilson—806.742.2804 ext. 236
Apr 28-30	State 4-H Leaders Reining Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett—254.823.6860
May 1-2	Texas AgriLIFE Extension Horse Short Course—College Station	Brett Scott—979.845.1562
May 1	Deadline for Validating 4-H Horse Projects—All Counties	Brett Scott, 979.845.1562 bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
May 15-17	SHOT Versatility Clinic and Competition—Glen Rose	John Burnside—254.823.6643

Calendar of Events—2009		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
May/June	37th Annual Summer Horsemanship Schools	Teri Antilley—979.845.1562
June 10	Texas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest-TAMU	Teri J. Antilley—979.845.1562 tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu
June 11	Texas State 4-H Individual/Team Demonstration Contest and Horse Public Speaking Contest—TAMU	Brett D. Scott, 979.845.1562 bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
June 11-13	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Belton	Dirk Aaron—254.933.5405
June 21-25	State 4-H Calf & Breakaway Roping School—Stephenville	Scott Anderson—325.646.0386
June 23-25	State 4-H Team Roping School—Llcvland	Chris Edens—806.894.3159
June 26-27	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Seguin	Glenn Averiett—830.620.3440
July 1	Deadline for Entries to Aggie Horse Judging Camp	Clay Cavinder—979.845.7731
July 8-10	Aggie Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Clay Cavinder—979.845.7731
July 15-17	Aggie Horse Judging Camp—College Station	Clay Cavinder—979.845.7731
July 17-18	SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition—Sulfur Springs	Juli Hutchings—903.439.4909
July 25- Aug 1	47th Texas State 4-H Horse Show-Abilene	Horse Specialists Office 979.845.1562

HORSE PROJECT(S) VALIDATION FORM

May 1st DUE DATE in County Extension Office - (Fee \$10/horse)

4-H Members Name	Mailing Address	City/Town + Zip	County
4-H'ers Birthday mm/dd/yy	4-H'ers Current Age as of Sept.1, 2008	Phone Number	

Part 1: For Mature Horse Projects

Horse Name	Breed	Registration #	Horses Date of Birth	Gender	Registration Papers Attached		Grade Horse ID Form Attached		Validation Fee Received	
					Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
_____	_____	_____	_____	G M	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
_____	_____	_____	_____	G M	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
_____	_____	_____	_____	G M	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
_____	_____	_____	_____	G M	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N

Signature Required: 4-H member, your signature at the bottom verifies that the above horse project(s) are owned solely by you or your brother, sister, parent, grandparent or legal guardian, and are not Leased, rented, borrowed or loaned. Ownership is May 1 or earlier.

Part 2: For Futurity Horse Projects

Horse Name	Breed	Registration Number	Horses Date of Birth	Gender	Registration Papers or Grade Horse Id Form Attached		(A) Yearling Filly (B) Yearling Gelding (C) 2-Yr-Old Pleasure (D) 3-Yr-Old Stock Horse				Validation Fee Received	
					Y	N	A	B	C	D		Y
_____	_____	_____	_____	G F	Y	N	A	B	C	D	Y	N
_____	_____	_____	_____	G F	Y	N	A	B	C	D	Y	N
_____	_____	_____	_____	G F	Y	N	A	B	C	D	Y	N
_____	_____	_____	_____	G F	Y	N	A	B	C	D	Y	N

Yearlings are nominated for (A) Yearling Halter Fillies and/or Longe Line, (B) Yearling Halter Gelding and/or Longe Line. A yearling nomination is automatic for either halter or longe line or both), (C) Two-Year-Olds are nominated for Two-Year-Old Western Pleasure and (D) Three-year-old horses are nominated for 3-Year-old Stock Horse Class.

Signature Required: 4-H Member, your signature below validates that:

1. Futurity horse(s) are owned solely by you, your brother, sister, parent, grandparent or legal guardian as of May 1, and horse(s) are not leased, rented, borrowed or loaned.
2. The futurity horse(s) is/are in your management and care as of May 1st and will remain so through the State 4-H Horse Show.
3. You agree to do all of the riding and training on futurity horse(s) from May 1st through the State 4-H Horse Show.
4. You have read the rules regarding futurity projects in the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations and agree to follow all rules without exception. Failure to abide by these rules shall cause you to withdraw yourself from entering or showing in futurity class(es) at District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
5. You understand it is required that you show a futurity horse in a futurity class at the District 4-H Horse Show in order for that futurity project to be eligible for exhibition in a futurity class at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Extension Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Summary Sheet Texas 4-H Futurity Horse Nomination

To be completed by CEA office and sent along with individual 4-H'ers nominations and breed registration papers or grade horse identification form to State Horse Specialists Office. All Futurity Horse Project Nomination Forms must be received in the County Extension Office. Do not accept any nominations after May 1st. **CEAs – Mail this form to Horse Specialists office by May 5th.**

County	District	CEA Name
CEA Office Address	City	Zip
CEA Office Phone Number	CEA Signature	

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| A - Yearling Halter Fillies | D - Yearling Longe Line & Halter Fillies |
| B - Yearling Halter Geldings | E - Yearling Longe Line & Halter Geldings |
| C - Yearling Longe Line Only | F - Two-Year-Old Pleasure |
| | G - Three-Year-Old Stock Horse |

4-Her's Name	4-H'ers Age	Sex of Horse (Filly or Gelding)	Age of Horse	Nominated for: (Use Letters A-G)

CEA Office, be sure each of the attached nomination forms are signed by the 4-H'er and parents or guardian. Make a copy of this summary sheet and all attached nominations and proof of ownership and keep on file. Mail completed summary, all individual nominations and proof of ownership **on or before May 5th** to:

Brett D. Scott - Horse Specialist - 2471 TAMU - College Station, TX 77843-2471

**Grade Horse Identification & Certification Form
Texas 4-H Horse Project**

Note: A horse purchased without papers that was once a registered horse does not qualify as a Grade Horse. Any horse having papers, regardless of whether they are in the owner's possession or not, is a registered horse in terms of 4H horse show participation.

Horse's Name _____ 4H Member's Name _____

Breed _____ Sex: Gelding or Mare (please circle) County _____

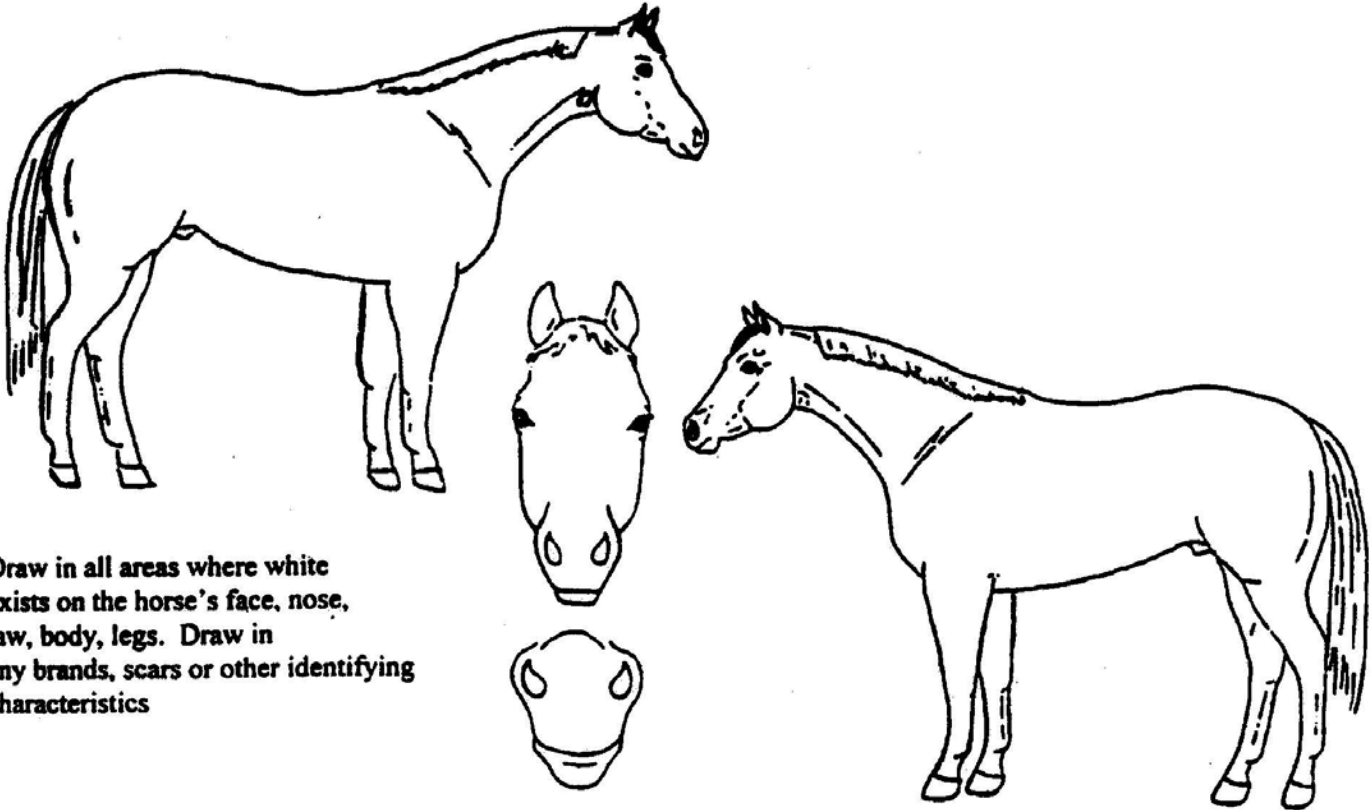
Horse's Birthdate (if known) _____ if unknown, horse's approximate age (years) _____
 Month Day Year

Horse's Height (inches) _____ Color _____

Examples of Color					
Sorrel	Buckskin	Black	Chestnut	Palomino	Brown
Bay	Paint	Spotted	Dunn	Roan	

Any unique identifying marks or brands _____

Horse was raised by 4Her or immediate family from birth
 or was purchased on _____ Date _____ From: _____ Seller's Name _____ Seller's Address _____



Draw in all areas where white exists on the horse's face, nose, jaw, body, legs. Draw in any brands, scars or other identifying characteristics

Signatures by the following certify that the horse identified on this form is the 4H horse project and that this horse was owned on or before May 1 of the current 4-H year by the 4-Her or that 4-Her's parent, brother, sister, grandparent or legal guardian.

4-H Member

Parent or guardian

County Extension Agent

Date

Date

Date

Two-Day Horsemanship School Request Form

37th Annual

Summer Horsemanship School Program

Summer of 2009

GROUP: _____ County would like to host a 2009 Summer Horsemanship/Horse Training School to be held in _____ (town).

DATES: Rank your choices below: (Note: must have at least three choices filled in to be considered)

1-1st Choice

3-3rd Choice

2-2nd Choice

4-4th Choice

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Fri/Sat</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Mon/Tues</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Wed/Thurs</u>
_____	June 5,6	_____	June 1,2	_____	June 3,4
_____	June 12,13	_____	June 8,9	_____	June 10,11
_____	June 19,20	_____	June 15,16	_____	June 17,18
_____	June 26,27	_____	June 22,23	_____	June 24,25
_____	July 3,4	_____	June 29,30	_____	July 1,2

*Please check to make sure that area elementary, junior high and high schools are not in session, before requesting these dates.

SCHEDULING FEE: Please send this form, along with a **\$300.00** check made payable to Department of Animal Science, by **January 31, 2009**. This \$300.00 serves as a deposit for scheduling. The remaining **\$830.00** balance is due in the Animal Science Business Office **May 15, 2009**. The deposit will be refundable only in the event that a date cannot be scheduled for your county on one of the four choices marked above. Once the schedule has been finalized and sent to your County Extension Agent, there will be no refund of deposit or balance. Complete refunds will be made if a clinic is completely rained out and a rain date cannot be scheduled.

COUNTY CONTACT PERSON:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature of County Extension Agent: _____

County: _____

Date form returned: _____

Return to: Dept. of Animal Science/Business Office, 2471 TAMU, College Station, TX 77845-2471

Phone: 979-845-1562 Fax: 979-458-2756

Three-Day Horsemanship School Request Form

37th Annual

Summer Horsemanship School Program

Summer of 2009

GROUP: _____ County would like to host a 2009 Summer Horsemanship/Horse Training School to be held in _____(town).

DATES: Rank your choices below: (**Note: must have at least three choices filled in to be considered**)

1-1st Choice

3-3rd Choice

2-2nd Choice

4-4th Choice

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Mon-Wed</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Thurs-Sat</u>
_____	June 1,2,3	_____	June 4,5,6
_____	June 8,9,10	_____	June 11,12,13
_____	June 15,16,17	_____	June 18,19,20

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County: _____

Date form returned: _____

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Phone: 979-845-1562 Fax: 979-458-2756



2009 State 4-H Horse Buckle Sponsorship Form



You now have the opportunity to sponsor a buckle at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. The cost of the buckle sponsorship is \$ 200.00 per buckle. Buckle Sponsors will be recognized in the Souvenir Program and Working Order Book that is distributed at the State 4-H Horse Show.

Name: _____

In Memory of (Name): _____

In Honor of (Name): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate which class(es) that you are interested in sponsoring.

Remember that multiple buckles are awarded in each class.

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Poles | <input type="checkbox"/> Team Roping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Pleasure | <input type="checkbox"/> Barrels | <input type="checkbox"/> Working Cow Horse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Horsemanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Stakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Showmanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Reining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Under Saddle | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock Horse Trail |
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