

Horseless Horse

Project units are designed for members 8-18 years old.

Unit 1 - Making Horse Sense

Inspiring youth to:

- Learn basic coat colors, breeds, and anatomy
- Explore horse behaviors
- Understand grooming and safety concerns

Unit 2 - Hooves, Health, Horsemanship

Inspiring youth to:

- Learn about horse conformation and movement
- Study horse health, unsoundness, and blemishes
- Discuss tack and training aids
- Explore the realities of horse ownership

Unit 3 - Breaking Ground

Inspiring youth to:

- Understand horse teeth and feeding requirements
- Discover horse health issues
- Learn about horse judging, riding aids and basic equitation
- Develop leadership skills while helping others



Unit 4 - Bushing Up on Horses

Inspiring youth to:

- Understand parasites, the digestive tract and how to balance rations
- Discuss horse reproduction
- Learn about advanced movements and showmanship
- Understand basic equine, pasture and housing management skills
- Explore ethics related to the horse industry



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Tips:

- It is recommended that you start at Unit 1 and work up to Unit 4. The upper units are harder than the lower units.
- Be sure to use the Colorado 4-H Horse Manual to help you answer the questions for each unit.
- Feel free to add extra pages for activities that require more space.
- Look up information in the library or on the Internet.
- Ask people (friends and trainers) in the horse industry for assistance in completing the project.
- Take field trips and tours.
- Enter your project in the county fair.
- Share information learned in talks and displays.



Resources:

- Exhibit & Judging Requirements
- Record Books
- Manual Information

Located at: Colorado4h.org



Equine Science Industry Careers



Farrier

A craftsman who trims and shoes horses' hooves



Therapeutic Riding Instructor

Provides riding instruction of therapeutic value to people with disabilities



Horse Breeder

A person who breeds and sells horses



Tack Shop Owner

A tack shop is a great place to go to obtain the proper tack for your horse



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Degrees/Certifications:

Equine Science
Equine Nutrition
Equine Therapy
Vet Tech
Animal Behavior
Farrier
Horse Trainer



Equine Photographer

A person who specializes in photography of horses



Stable Owner

Person who owns or operates a boarding facility for horses



Horse Trainer

Person who trains horses and helps other people train theirs



Equine Massage Therapist

Trained to apply the correct therapeutic massage treatment procedure