

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coat color \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
 Obvious markings \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Intro to Horse Project  
 Safety  
 Riding Test**

<b>Handling</b>	<b>Riding</b>
___ Passed	___ Passed
___ Retest	___ Retest

Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Rater's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Rater's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H County \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: **Both handling and riding must be passed in order to ride at the county fair.** To pass, the 4-H member must score 8 points out of 10 for each section of the test. Level I should emphasize correct and safe principles of handling and riding. Western or English tack may be used. Riders must use legal tack and equipment. Western: a standard western bit with shanks or, if riding a junior horse, a snaffle or bosal (two hands to be used). English: a 4-H legal bit with cavesson and two hands on the reins.

Rater: Forms must be filled out the day of the riding exam and mailed or faxed to the member's county Extension Office within two weeks of the test.

<b>Basic Handling</b>	<b>Score: 10 pts max</b>	<b>Rater's Comments</b>
A. Properly halter, lead and tie horse		
B. Simple Grooming; correct use of tools; pick up feet and clean properly		
C. Bridling and saddling; proper adjustment of equipment		
D. Basic showmanship: walk, trot, stop and stand for inspection		
D. Safety around the horse		
<b>Basic Riding</b>	<b>Score: 10 pts max</b>	<b>Rater's Comments</b>
A. *Mount, dismount, mount (mounting block may be used if necessary)		
B. Correct seat, body position and balance at the walk and jog		
C. Proper use of reins: hand position and action		
D. Control at the walk in both directions		
E. Control at the jog in both directions		
G. Demonstrate a balanced, gradual stop from the walk and jog		

\*If size or physical strength prevents the 4-H member from actually performing the skill, an adequate verbal explanation will suffice.