

Horse's Name _____
 Coat color _____ Gender ____
 Obvious markings _____

**Intro to Horse Project
 Safety
 Riding Test**

Handling	Riding
___ 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 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.

Basic Handling	Score: 10 pts max	Rater's Comments
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 and stop		
E. Safety around the horse		
Basic Riding	Score: 10 pts max	Rater's Comments
A. *Mount, dismount, (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 performing the skill, an adequate verbal explanation will suffice.