

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

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

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

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

Directions: **Basic Handling must be passed.** To pass, the 4-H member must score 8 points out of 10 for each section of the test. This should emphasize correct and safe principles of handling. Western or English tack may be used. Riders must use legal tack and equipment. This is a foundation test to be used to evaluate members and their horses who are not ready for riding their horse. It is used to ensure the member has the basic handling skills to be safe. It will also evaluate the general temperament of the horse and the safety. (Counties may use this to evaluate a member who only wants to participate in showmanship or ground work classes.) We encourage counties to use this alongside the Colorado 4-H Horse Safety 101 educational program. This is not a pre-requisite for other tests or competencies and not needed in conjunction with the Pre-Level 1 Safety Riding Test.

Rater: Forms must be filled out the day of the Groundwork exam and mailed, emailed 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 and stop		
E. Safety around the horse		
<b>Basic Safe Horse</b>	<b>Score: 10 pts max</b>	<b>Rater's Comments</b>

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