



# *4-H Horse Project Enrollment Form*

## ***Information for Extension Educators:***

1. The enclosed forms should be used for *horse project (animal)* enrollment.  
*Original* health documents should be kept by 4-H members and the documents (CVI, EIA/Coggins, rabies, etc.) should accompany animals to events. *Other* paperwork should be maintained as noted.  
  
The health information of the horse should be recorded on the enrollment form as noted. Counties should keep copies of health documents as needed.
2. **The 4-H Horse Project Enrollment Form should be used *in conjunction with* the standard 4-H Member process.** The 4-H *member must* be enrolled online through Access 4-H. Youth will select/designate their 4-H project(s) on Access 4-H *and* must submit hard copies of the enclosed *project* enrollment forms in their county in order to complete the enrollment process.
3. The 4-H Horse Project Enrollment Form should be used for all 4-H horse projects (performance, junior horse, trail, therapeutic riding, shared horse, etc.)
4. A standard **Lease Form** is available on the 4-H Horse Program website with Information for Extension Educators. This lease form is pre-approved and may be used by youth who use written leases.
5. Youth with disabilities participating in therapeutic riding must submit copies of **Therapeutic Riding Division Forms (TRD Forms 1, 2, and 3)** by May 1 to the county extension office. Forms are available on the website with Information for Extension Educators. Copies of these forms should be attached with all show entries in the Therapeutic Riding Division.
6. **Refer to *Procedures for 4-H Horse Show Entries and Events* for details regarding show entry and event requirements.** This information is distributed annually with the horse project enrollment form and is also on the website with Information for Extension Educators *or* Events.
7. Some counties may have differing deadlines for completion of project enrollment. However, the 4-H member and horse must be enrolled in the county they intend to show *no later than June 1, in order to show in this calendar year*. In the event that some of the required horse health information is missing, the enrollment form identifying the youth's project animal must still be submitted by June 1 in order to show in this calendar year. Any missing health information for the horse *may* be submitted at a later date, *provided* it is submitted by the county *and* show or event deadlines.
8. **Please see next page for reminders for 2014.**

PA 4-H Horse Program Website: [animalscience.psu.edu](http://animalscience.psu.edu) *Youth 4-H, Horses*

Detailed health requirements for 4-H shows/events are in the current *Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Show Rule Book*. 4-H health rules will apply for 2014 *except as noted*.

**Verification of Veterinarian-Client Patient-Relationship (VCPR)**

**The VCPR form is no longer required and has been replaced by a statement verifying that a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship exists for all animals exhibited.**

*There are situations where Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) health regulations supersede 4-H rules and are required for some 4-H shows. The following five (5) (PDA) health regulations apply only to animals exhibited at 4-H shows at County and Community Fairs receiving funding from the Commonwealth. Note: there *may be* some exceptions to this policy; some fairgrounds or facilities may have requirements that are the same as or exceed the PDA regulations:*

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** A (CVI) issued after May 1, 2014 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of **Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) statement** must be signed for animals exhibited at fairs. The statement will be included in the respective fair registration form.
4. **Negative EIA test results** (Coggins Test): All animals must be test negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a dam which meets the above requirements are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal
5. **A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals three months of age and older.** However, if a mare was currently vaccinated against rabies when she foaled, the foal is not required to be vaccinated until six months of age, with a second vaccination administered two-four weeks later. All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated equine animals must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. The certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the original rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

CVI, documentation of EIA status and rabies vaccination must be provided by the attending veterinarian. Originals must accompany animals and must be presented upon registration at the event. Counties may keep copies in the extension office.

The PDA requirements above **do not** apply to: the junior horse championship show or state 4-H show, or to district 4-H shows **unless** the facility has these requirements as noted in the exception above.

In situations where PDA requirements above do **not** apply, health rules in the current *Pennsylvania 4-H Horse show Rule Book* **will** apply. See rule book and enclosed details.

## ***Please Note:***

### **Verification of Veterinarian-Client Patient-Relationship (VCPR)**

The VCPR form is no longer required and has been replaced by a statement verifying a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship exists for all animals exhibited. A signed VCPR statement should be completed for each project animal and is included on the enrollment form.

- **An Acknowledgement of Risk Form must be completed for all adult participants in 4-H shows.** This applies to all adults that are participating/assisting in exhibiting a horse in the ring during a show; i.e. attendants in driving classes and aides in therapeutic riding classes. Forms should be completed for *all* aides or attendants, including the driving attendant in the cart *as well as* any attendant that enters from the rail to head a horse in the line. *This does not apply to show officials and volunteers helping with the show.* Forms are available on the 4-H Horse Program website and in the Policy Manual on the 4-H SharePoint website.

- **An Acknowledgement of Risk Form must be signed and completed once per year for all 4-H members participating in 4-H horse program events and activities.** The *original* forms should be kept on file in the county extension office.

It is *not* necessary for 4-H members to complete *additional* Acknowledgement of Risk forms for *each* 4-H show, 4-H sponsored open show, or 4-H equine activity, *provided* the original form is on file in the county office or in the Access 4-H system. The status of the Acknowledgement of Risk Form must be entered in the computer program for qualifying shows advancing to the district, regional or state level to verify that the 4-H member has a signed form on file.

4-H members should keep a copy of their signed Acknowledgement of Risk Form(s) and bring the form(s) with them to all 4-H equine events in case questions arise.

- **Code of conduct, code agreement, photo release, medical information and consent for emergency medical care forms are included in the standard 4-H member enrollment process.** These items must be completed once a year. *Original* forms should be maintained in the county extension office.
- 4-H members may share horses as noted in the current rule book and in *Guidelines for Shared Horse Activities*. Please indicate on horse enrollment form if a 4-H member is sharing a horse.
- *All* animals/projects should be recorded in the county.
- Junior horse project animals may be enrolled until 5 years of age. Junior horse project animals should be enrolled in the project using the 4-H Horse Project Enrollment Form.

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## 4-H Horse Project Enrollment Form

To be used in conjunction with the 4-H member enrollment form.

**Note:** Complete horse information for each different project animal enrolled; attach additional horse(s) information as needed.

### Member Information:

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Box # City State Zip

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member (8-13 as of Jan. 1): \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Member (14-18 as of Jan. 1): \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement of Risk Form(s) signed (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ Photo Release Permission: Yes  No

Attach original copy of completed Acknowledgement of Risk form(s)

### Circle Project(s)/Division: (circle all that apply)

**Performance:** Open Western Contest Saddle Seat Hunt Seat Driving Miniature **Therapeutic** (Attach TRD forms 1,2,3)

**Horseless** or **Shared Horse:** (Circle one; *if* horseless, no horse info. needed)

**Junior Horse:** Registered Grade Futurity

**Horsemanship Skills:** If participating, indicate current level: 1 2 3 4

**Competitive Trail** or **Recreational Riding**

**Beginner:** Year 1 Year 2

### Horse Information:

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Mare ( ) Stallion ( ) Gelding ( ) Age: \_\_\_\_\_

*If* registered: Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Breed Association: \_\_\_\_\_

*If not* registered, list breed or type: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a pony, do you have a current PA 4-H Pony Height Certificate? Yes ( ) No ( ) Height (in hands): \_\_\_\_\_  
(If no, your pony should be measured during the current year prior to the county show).

**DRAW IN ALL CONTRASTING COLOR MARKINGS**  
(Blaze, stocking, spots, scars, brands, etc.)

Body Color: \_\_\_\_\_

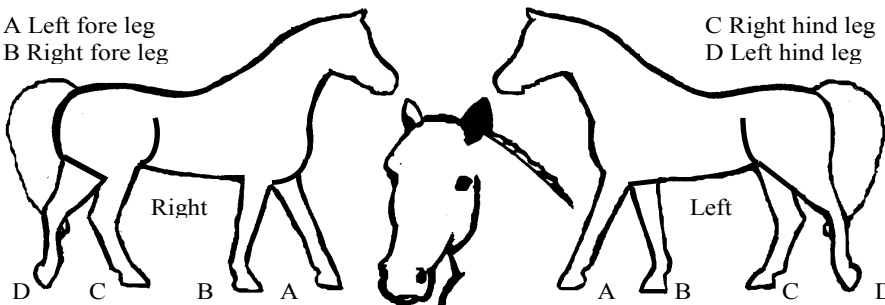
Mane Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Tail Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

A Left fore leg  
B Right fore leg

C Right hind leg  
D Left hind leg



Horse Owner's Name: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Where is Horse Stabled? \_\_\_\_\_

\* If horse is not owned by 4-H member/family - (check one): Verbal lease ( ) Written lease ( )  
(A copy of the lease should be filed with extension office by May 1, *if* a written lease is used, *and* *if not* using pre-approved lease)

**Please complete horse health information on next page or reverse side of form.**



# PENNSYLVANIA 4-H HORSE PROGRAM MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

(THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR YOUTHS UNDER 18 THAT WISH TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE 4-H HORSE PROGRAM)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have chosen to allow my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program and its related horse activities. I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the activities of the 4-H horse program. I also understand and acknowledge that my child's participation in these activities and the use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness, death and/or damage to personal property. I understand that the activities themselves, other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other factors may cause these risks and dangers and I, on my own behalf and on behalf of my child, hereby accept and assume these risks and dangers.

I and my child are aware that:

- A. Horses have a tendency to behave in ways, which may result in injury, death, loss to riders, or other persons in the immediate vicinity;
- B. Horses may react in an unpredictable way to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, and any unexpected situations;
- C. Riding, driving, or handling a horse may give rise to a risk of injury from hazards arising from the surface or subsurface of the ground in which these activities occur;
- D. While in the vicinity of a horse while riding, driving, or handling a horse, I may be involved in a collision with another horse, another animal, a person, or an object;
- E. Other participants in the program may fail to maintain control over a horse or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to me or other participants; and
- F. Other participants in the program may act in a negligent manner, which could result in harm to me.

As a parent or guardian I have discussed with my child the need to behave in a safe manner. I will make sure that my child wears appropriate clothing, headgear, and footwear during horse activities.

My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of eight (8) required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith.

I understand that my child is not required to participate in any horse activity, but grant permission for him/her to do so, despite the possible risks. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in these activities, and that I assume any expense that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. As a parent/guardian, I assume the same risk for myself, and other family members and friends present at these horse activities.

This document shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators, and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my child's participation in 4-H horse program activities shall first be submitted to arbitration and/or be venued in a Court of the State of Pennsylvania selected by the sponsoring 4-H club or clubs, the choice of which shall be at their sole discretion.

I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child named herein.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Member (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form needs to be signed and kept on file for each youth participant in any 4-H Horse program activity for 14 years if the youngest participant is 8. The form needs to be signed each year and before a youth participates in Pennsylvania 4-H Horse Program activities.

# Adult Participant in 4-H Horse Show Acknowledgement of Risk

(THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS OR ATTENDANTS 18 YEARS & OLDER)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have chosen to participate in the Pennsylvania 4-H horse show described below. I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my participation in the activities of the 4-H horse program. I also understand and acknowledge that my participation in these activities and the use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness, death and/or damage to personal property. I understand that the activities themselves, other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other factors may cause these risks and dangers and I, on my own behalf, hereby accept and assume these risks and dangers.

NAME OF 4-H SHOW \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF SHOW \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware that:

- A. Horses have a tendency to behave in ways, which may result in injury, death, loss to riders, or other persons in the immediate vicinity;
- B. Horses may react in an unpredictable way to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, and any unexpected situations;
- C. Riding, driving, or handling a horse may give rise to a risk of injury from hazards arising from the surface or subsurface of the ground in which these activities occur;
- D. While in the vicinity of a horse while riding, driving, or handling a horse, I may be involved in a collision with another horse, another animal, a person, or an object;
- E. Other participants in the program may fail to maintain control over a horse or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to me or other participants; and
- F. Other participants in the program may act in a negligent manner, which could result in harm to me.

I understand the need to behave in a safe manner. I will make sure that I wear appropriate clothing, headgear, and footwear during horse activities.

I am in good health and am able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith.

I understand that I am not required to participate in any horse activity. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in these activities, and that I assume any expense that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. I assume the risk for myself, and other family members and friends present at these horse activities.

**I herewith release, forever discharge, and waive any right of recovery or subrogation against 4-H, its leaders and members, and Penn State Cooperative Extension, its officers, directors, and volunteers from any and all liability whatsoever for any illness or injury, including death or damage to or loss of my personal property that I may sustain while I am participating in this program.** This document shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators, and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my participation in 4-H horse program activities shall first be submitted to arbitration and/or be venued in a Court of the State of Pennsylvania selected by the sponsoring 4-H club or clubs, the choice of which shall be at their sole discretion.

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MUST BE EXTENSION EMPLOYEE OR 4-H REGISTERED VOLUNTEER)

This form must be kept in Extension files for seven (7) years from date of show