



Kenosha County Horse/Horseless Horse Animal Project Standards Sheet – 2008-2009



The following standards have been established by the Kenosha County 4-H Horse Board as the standards by which the 4-H horse project is to be implemented. It is the team's hope these standards will be followed by all 4-H members and leaders and will result in a positive, educational project experience for all youth in the 4-H horse project.

Questions concerning these standards should be directed to the Horse Team. These standards will be reviewed on an annual basis and the Horse Team reserves the option of revision to better meet the needs of the Kenosha County 4-H program through the 4-H horse project.

1. Kenosha County 4-H Horse members must attend five of the 11 designated county meetings or events (September, October, November, January, February, March, April Midwest Horse Show, May, Mini-Camp, Clinic(w), July pre-Fair Show) to be eligible for achievement in the Horse and Pony Project, eligible for various events and awards and eligible to show at the Kenosha County Fair.

Attendance at each designated meeting or event will be recorded by the Horse and Pony Project Committee. **One and only one excused absence will be accepted by calling one of the Horse Project Board Members prior to the meeting.** Members arriving after the meeting starts or leaving before the meeting is adjourned will receive ½ credit.

2. Each member must get or make at least one donation of \$30 to the Horse Project. This donation is required to show at the fair in August or any State Show. The donation is due by January 31st of the current year. The purpose of this donation is to help pay for the educational components of the project.
3. Participant's family member over the age of 18 shall perform a required service, previous to fair (voluntary or assigned) for the project. **This is a requirement for the participant to show at County Fair or any State Show.** Family participation at all 4-H horse functions are encouraged. In order for the project to run smoothly, parental involvement is required. Special circumstances will be reviewed by the Horse Project Board on a case-by-case basis. We ask you to sign up to help in one or more tasks or committees.
4. All project animals (including Gymkhana) are required to be identified using the 4-H Horse Project Identification Sheet received by all project members. All 4-H horse project members must sign a copy of the Horse Project Standards to acknowledge their understanding of the standards. The signature line is found on the back side of the 4-H Horse Project Identification Sheet.

The I.D. and Standard Sheet must be completed, returned to and stamped by **Beverly Francois, Horse Project Advisor, 10235 Wilmot Road, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158 (262-694-7279) by May 1st of the current year.** Horseless Horse members will have until June 1st of the current year to turn in these sheets.

5. Project animals must be identified to be eligible for entry in the Kenosha County Fair. Death of an animal or serious injury verified by a veterinarian is the only acceptable reason for substitution. This substitution must be approved by the County Committee, non-qualifying for State. Only horses with completed, date-stamped I.D. sheets may be shown at the Fair.

6. Written veterinarian proof of tetanus and East and West sleeping sickness and ORIGINAL negative Coggins dated within the calendar year of the Fair and of Flu and Rhino immunization dated at least two weeks prior to the opening of the Fair and within six months. No phone verification will be accepted. A copy must be turned in to the Barn Superintendent before your horse is unloaded from the trailer and will be held until your horse is released on Sunday evening.

This paperwork must also be shown to the Fair Show Superintendent on Friday and Saturday of Fair before you will be allowed to show. If shots are administered by someone other than a vet, a signed written statement from the vet must be provided stating that necessary shots were given.

Any out-of-state animal requires a valid 30-day health certificate and written proof of a negative Coggins test dated on or after January 1 of the current 4-H year.

Horses can be checked by the Fair veterinarian at anytime during the duration of the Fair. Sick horses will be sent home.

7. 4-H member must show in an appropriate showmanship class at fair to be able to participate in the fair fun classes.
8. No stallions over a year as of fair time are eligible to enter.
9. Miniature horses will be shown in the pony classes.
10. Horseless Horse member must have "buddy" present whenever working with project animal.
11. Current Wisconsin 4-H Horse State Expo rules and check sheet will apply in the County Fair Show.
12. Grade of exhibitor will be as of January 1 of the current school year. The minimum grade for showing in Kenosha County will be the third grade.
13. Fair premium book rules or other horse project team published materials for the current 4-H year are to be considered a part of the 4-H horse standards.
14. In the event of an infraction of rules, the member will be notified and will be allowed a hearing before the horse team before action is taken. Responsibility to request a hearing rests with the member.
15. SEI helmets and boots must be worn whenever mounted.
16. All Gymkhana State participants must attend four of the 11 scheduled Gymkhana workouts and follow all requirements of the Horse Project. See Standards Rules 1, 2, 3 and 4.

I _____ acknowledge that I have received a copy of the 4-H Horse Project Standards, have read them and understand them. I further agree to abide by the Standards as a reasonable standard by which my 4-H project work should be carried out.

Member's Signature: _____

Please Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please Print Name: _____ Date: _____

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