

2008 Waushara County 4-H Horse and Horseless Horse Project Handbook



**Compliments of the Waushara County
4-H Horse Association and UW-Extension**

Welcome to the 4-H Horse Project!

This handbook is put together by the Waushara County 4-H Horse Association and the UW-Extension office to assist all 4-H horse project members. We have expanded the book this year to include more information on the Association itself and several of the forms needed by project members. The Horse Association provides members with excellent educational and social opportunities.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this handbook, please don't hesitate to ask. Experienced project members and leaders are excellent sources of information. You may also contact the UW-Extension office. Our contact information is below.

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Websites:

Wisconsin 4H - 4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/horses.cfm

Waushara County 4-H –

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waushara/4h/WausharaCounty4-HHorseAssociation.html>

Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association - <http://www.wi4horse.homestead.com/>

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4-H Horse & Horseless Horse Project Safety Regulations

Wisconsin 4-H policies indicate horse project members and leaders must abide by the following regulations when involved in any 4-H horse project activity:

1. To exhibit animals at any public event as a 4-H member, youth must be in at least 3rd grade during the current 4-H year. This policy is for the safety of the 4-H member and the public at the public exhibition. The developmental ability and maturity level of the exhibitor, and the unpredictable behavior of animals should be considered prior to involving a 4-H member in the exhibition of animals.
2. Protective head gear (SEI approved for the specific activity) which properly fits the participant. Approved safety helmets need to be worn while mounted or driving a horse.
3. Shoes or boots which provide protection from the hazards of said program. Boots or hard soled shoes with 2" heel must be worn while mounted or driving a horse. The shoe should be entirely closed, cover your ankles and be thick soled. Waffle type shoes are not acceptable.
4. Clothing appropriate for the activity which will protect the participants from the elements surrounding the event.
5. If a 4-H club or association is listed as a sponsor or co-sponsor of an activity which includes the horse project, the helmet and safety equipment requirement applies for all participants. This includes adults as they need to be positive role models. Any classes which require 4-H membership to enter, or serves as a qualifying event for district or state competition must adhere to these safety policies. It is strongly encouraged that 4-H groups set an example of using proper safety equipment and maintaining the highest standards of injury prevention.

These standards apply to all 4-H activities, regardless of location. Meeting these standards may require the selection of an alternative site, or requiring the use of additional safety equipment, even though it is not standard practice for the facility where the 4-H activity is to occur. If these safety requirements are not followed, then the particular event is not eligible to use the 4-H name and emblem, nor will it be recognized as a part of the Extension program.

Should people not comply, they are to be disqualified from the competition or asked to at least dismount, if during a non-competitive activity. When adults are serving in a leadership role, they are expected to meet the same safety requirements as the youth. If leaders fail to comply with the safety policy and individuals are participating without proper safety equipment and an injury occurs, the leader may be found negligent and application of liability insurance coverage would be questionable.

Waushara County 4-H requests that all members and leaders observe the following safety practices:

1. When your horse is not mounted, the stir-ups on English saddles should be up at all times.
2. When your horse is outside their stall, use lead ropes if they are not tacked. Horses should not be lead by their halter.
3. Use quick release knots only.
4. Do not tie your horse using their reins.
5. Another person knowledgeable about horses should be present when you are longeing your horse.
6. When holding a horse, remain standing and do not lean on them.
7. A safety check of the horse and rider should be conducted before mounting.

Participants not following these regulations and practices will be asked to comply with the regulations and practices stated above or dismount and discontinue participation in the activity for their own safety and that of the public at public exhibitions.

Waushara County 4-H Horse Association Opportunities

All 4-H members and leaders who sign up for the Horse, Horseless Horse and/or Clothes Horse project are encouraged to join the Horse Association. This Association provides you with many opportunities to learn more about yourself and your horse. You'll get to know other 4-H families who are interested in learning the same things you are. Experienced members are anxious to help new members learn what they have learned. They also encourage you to be a part of this fun group. Read on to learn more about joining the Association and the opportunities your membership offers.

Membership

Horse, horseless horse and clothes horse project members and leaders can join the Association until the deadline established by the association. Membership enrollments will be available at the meetings or can be obtained from the UW-Extension office. This enrollment is in addition to your annual project and club enrollment. An annual family membership fee is due with the Horse Association enrollment form.

Horse Association Meetings

This group meets monthly on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Courthouse Demonstration Room. Some meetings are held in conjunction with clinics and may result in the meeting being at a different location on a different date and time. Please check the calendar in the Clover Clipper to confirm monthly meeting times and locations.

Horse Camp

The Waushara County 4-H Horse Camp has been an annual favorite among 4-H project members since 1993. Students and horses stay at the Fairgrounds for three days to attend both mounted and unmounted clinics. Mounted clinics have included: western pleasure, hunt seat/jumping, and speed events. Unmounted clinics have included: showmanship, feeds and nutrition, tack care, saddle fitting, grooming, and safety. Campers have also played horse bowl and worked on Hippology stations. If space is available, the camp is opened up to 4-H members in the horse and horseless horse project who are not members of the Association. These campers are charged a higher registration fee.

Many volunteers work hard to make this camp happen. Parents volunteer to help in the kitchen, the arena, the barn and the dorm, and also to donate food items for the campers. It is to their credit that the camp is safe and successful!

Horseless Horse Project

The Horse Association offers members an opportunity to get acquainted with other horse members or leaders who may be willing to share their horse with another member to give them hands-on grooming and riding experience. The horseless horse member is responsible for seeking out this opportunity. The member and horse owner enter into an agreement to work together with the horse during the 4-H year at their own convenience. Four premium classes, showmanship, walk-trot pleasure, three-gait pleasure and trail are offered at the County Fair for horseless horse members who have participated in this program. Members in grades 6-13, at time of annual enrollment, can also qualify to compete in horseless horse classes at the State 4-H Horse Expo.

Horseless horse members are encouraged to participate in all other horse project events. At Horse Camp, horseless horse members can share the horse they have been working with.

Mounted and Unmounted Clinics

The Association offers other clinics and learning opportunities for the members throughout the project year based on the needs of its members. Topic and speaker ideas are always welcome. If space is available, non-Association horse and horseless horse project members may be invited and charged a higher registration fee.

Member Recognition

Recognition awards are presented at the Annual 4-H Member and Leader Recognition Day. The “Most Improved Award” is presented to a member who has shown the most growth personally and with their horse since the last project year. The member exhibiting the best attitude during clinics and competitive events receives the “Sportsmanship Award.” The “Most Helpful” award is given to a member who is the most helpful to other members as well as to the Association in meeting the goals of this organization. Leadership medallions are also awarded to older members who directly help with the education of younger members.

“Achieving Members” are eligible for the “End of the Year” membership award. To be an achieving member, you must:

- attend 50% of the meetings and
- participate in one fund raising activity or donate a fixed sum per family.

Leadership Opportunities

Youth are annually elected to the officer positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter. Eligibility requirements for these offices are defined in the Association by-laws. Youth can also volunteer to serve on committees that are formed to plan and carry out activities throughout the year.

Member Clinic Reimbursement

Achieving members of the 4-H Horse Association have the opportunity to request financial assistance to participate in a horse related clinic. The clinic must be sponsored by 4-H and information from the clinic must have been shared with members of the horse association prior to reimbursement. All reimbursements are dependent upon availability of funds. Reimbursement requests must be received within three (3) months of the event attended and no later than October 1. A reimbursement form is included in this handbook.

Waushara County Fair

The Waushara County Fair is the member's opportunity to demonstrate the ways in which their skills have developed over the year. The fair is held the Thursday through Sunday of August that includes the third full weekend. In early June all 4-H members will receive a "Waushara County Fair Premium List" which list all the possible items they can enter in the fair. Each member is responsible for returning their fair entry blank and horse declaration form by the date indicated in this book in order to exhibit at the fair.

The Waushara County Fair Association sponsors the pleasure show during the fair where all members may demonstrate their skills in competition for premiums. Members in grade 6-13, at time of annual enrollment, have the opportunity to qualify for state competition. All judging at the premium show is by the Danish system. The pleasure show covers halter, showmanship, equitation or horsemanship, pleasure riding or driving, and trail classes. This show is held on Friday of the fair. Each exhibitor is allowed to receive a premium on a class in which the horse is judged and in a class in which the rider is judged. These are identified in the fair book to assist you in making this decision. You can enter additional classes and will receive a ribbon.

In addition to the pleasure show, horse project members can compete for premium in four speed classes held on Saturday morning. These include barrels, poles, plug and flag races. The Horse Association sponsors additional speed or game events following these classes for which riders are not eligible for premium. The Horse Association recognizes that these events are also a legitimate test of horsemanship skills, and ribbons are provided by the Horse Association.

To the extent possible, all awards given at the County Fair shows are sponsored by members of the community who support the horse project. In addition, the Horse Association sponsors a judge for the trail class.

Eligibility Horse/Pony

Project members must retain animal identification forms (declaration sheets) on no more than three horses/ponies they are responsible for as part of their 4-H project and submit it with their fair entry blank. This information must be sent to the Waushara County UW-Extension Office with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for exhibit being identified. If one of the declared animals cannot be shown, the exhibitor shall consult the 4-H Youth Development Agent and/or Secretary of the Waushara County Fair Association about substituting another horse.

A maximum of two animals may be entered by a single exhibitor, both of which must be owned or managed by the project member. One animal may be entered by two exhibitors from the same family, but only in showmanship and horsemanship classes. One of the two exhibitors from the same family may also enter the animal in either the pleasure or halter classes. Any questionable situation shall be brought before the 4-H Youth Development Agent and/or Secretary of the Waushara County Fair for review and approval.

Upon arrival at the Fair, if a horse's health is questionable, the barn superintendent shall call a veterinarian and his or her decision is final as to whether or not the horse stays or is released. Each exhibitor must show proof to the Horse Barn Superintendent that each animal exhibited has tested negative for Equine Infectious Anemia with a Coggins test and received a 4-Way shot within the same calendar year as the fair before unloading the horse. Each year exhibitors are responsible for reading the animal health rules for any additional requirements.

No animal may be entered in both horse and pony classes. A horse is defined as over 56" tall. A pony is defined as 56" tall or less. All animals will be measured by the designated official(s), whose determination will be final. State 4-H Horse Expo pony measurement procedures will be followed which is included in this handbook.

Before a horse shall be eligible to participate in the speed and game show, that horse must be shown in at least one of the judged classes at the fair's horse pleasure show on Friday. These classes may be either halter, showmanship, pleasure, horsemanship or trail.

At the discretion of the Fair Secretary, horses entered at the Fair may be released early if there is a parallel, educational event and prior approval has been granted. Any animal released early from the Fair Barn for this reason shall not be permitted to return during the Fair. In all other cases, please refer for the county fair premium book for release time.

Eligibility of Exhibitor

Every 4-H member showing horses at the County Fair must be enrolled in the Horse or Horseless Horse Project. Exploring members are eligible to participate; however, they must also be enrolled in the horse or horseless horse project. Exhibitors must show their own animal, or must fulfill the criteria of either the Managerial Program or the Horseless Horse Program.

Managerial Program defined: In this program, the exhibitor is an enrolled Horse project member. A managerial animal is one that is under the care of, but not owned by an exhibitor. A managerial contract between the horse owner and project member defining the responsibilities of the member for the project animal must be filed with the UW-Extension Office no later than February 1 of the project year. Emphasis in this program is on the complete care and management of the animal, both on the ground and mounted. The Managerial Program exhibitor may enter any Fair class for which he or she would be qualified as if the horse were the exhibitor's own. The exhibitor is responsible for declaring the horse when their fair entry is submitted.

Horseless Horse Program defined: In this program the exhibitor is enrolled in the Horseless Horse Project, but does not own his or her own horse and is matched up with an animal owned by a Horse project member or a registered 4-H Leader. The horse may not be owned or managed by an immediate family member. A Horseless Horse contract between the horse owner and the project member defining the exhibitor's responsibilities of the member for the project animal must be filed with the Extension Office no later than May 1 of the project year. Emphasis in this program is on ground handling, grooming, care and safety of horse and caretaker. The Horseless horse exhibitor may act as the Horse Project member's groom at the fair and may enter designated Horseless Horse classes with the animal he or she has been working with. If the animal is not already declared with another exhibitor's fair entry, the Horseless Horse member is responsible for declaring the animal.

An exhibitor must wear an SEI approved safety helmet and boots or hard soled shoes with 2" heel at all times when riding their horse at the fairgrounds.

Classes Offered and Eligibility

The fair premium list is updated annually to reflect the interest and ability of the possible exhibitors. Classes typically offered include: halter, showmanship, equitation, English, western, novice, driving, trail and speed. You may enter as many classes as apply to your age and interest. However, each horse is only eligible for one premium and each exhibitor is only eligible for one premium on each horse they show. If you bring one horse to the fair, you can receive a maximum of two premiums - one for any class in which the rider is being judged and one for any class in which the horse is being judged. If you bring two horses to the fair you can receive a maximum of four premiums - two per animal (one class in which the rider is being judged and one class in which the horse is being judged per animal.) Classes in which the horse is judged are halter, pleasure, trail and speed. Classes judged on the rider include showmanship and horsemanship/equitation. Horseless horse member may only enter those classes designated as Horseless Horse. They must choose between entering walk-trot and 3-gait equitation.

Horse Department Rules (subject to revision prior to fair each year)

All exhibitors in the horse department, regardless of which youth organization their membership is in, will abide by the following rules:

1. No horses are allowed out of the barn after 9:00 p.m.
2. Lights in the barn will be shut off at 10:00 p.m. There will be no admittance to anyone. No one will be allowed to stay overnight in the barn.
3. Keep all tack out of the horse's stall.
4. Have hay bags high enough that the horses cannot get tangled up in them. Tie water buckets up so that horses cannot dump them over. Be sure to bring twine or rope.
5. Exercise horses in the arena only. The race track is not an exercise area.
6. Horses must be lead between barn and arena. No horses allowed past the infield on the west.
7. Clean out your stall after your horse is loaded on entry release day. Haul the manure and bedding to the pit east of the horse barn.
8. Be kind to your horse. Please check on him/her regularly.
9. Absolutely NO RIDING in the barn.
10. Keep your aisle clean.
11. No bare feet in the barn.
12. No other animals in the stall with the horse.
13. Do not keep hay in the aisles.
14. Boot or hard-soled shoes with heels required for riding.
15. Each horse will be assigned a stall by the superintendent.
16. Do not groom your horse/pony in the center aisle of the barn.
17. SEI - approved helmets must be worn at all times when the horse is mounted.
18. Before entering the ring for any classes, make sure to complete the safety check.
19. Lead ropes are to be used when leading or handling horse anytime the horse is outside of their stall. (Not including when horses are bridled.)
20. No loose horses permitted outside the stalls at anytime.
21. Decorations may be removed beginning one hour before entry release time.
22. Stall cards are to be in place during the entire fair.
23. Exhibitors must check out with Barn Superintendent before leaving at entry release time.
24. Only exhibitors will be allowed to ride their horses during the fair.

Volunteer Help Needed During the Fair

In order for the Horse Shows to take place during the County Fair, volunteers are needed to assist the superintendents. Please contact the UW-Extension office or superintendent to volunteer!

Friday pleasure volunteers needed: announcing, presenting trophies and ribbons (2 people), gate keeper, helping in the arena (2 to 3 people), checking tack at the gate (1 person), set up trail class (2 people)

Volunteers needed for Saturday Speed Show: announcing, score keeping, presenting trophies and ribbons (2 people), gate keeper, helping in the arena (2 to 3 people), checking tack at the gate (1 person) timers (2 people).

State 4-H Horse Association Opportunities

Mounted Opportunities

Hunter/Dressage Schooling Show

The 4-H Hunter/Dressage Schooling Show is in June or July. Members who wish to compete in hunt seat competition over jumps, or perform a dressage test in competition may do so in this show. Members in grades 6 to 13 at time of annual enrollment are eligible to participate. Competitors are not required to qualify to compete in this show.

Gymkhana

The 4-H Gymkhana consists of competition for 4-H members interested in speed events. It is usually held in September. Members in grades 6-13 at time of annual enrollment are eligible to participate. Competitors are not required to qualify for this show. Registrations are due in August. Information is available from the UW-Extension Office.

State Horse Expo

The State 4-H Horse Expo is the premier 4-H horse pleasure show of the year. It takes place in Milwaukee at the State Fairgrounds, Thursday through Saturday of the week following Labor Day. It involves competition in both mounted and unmounted categories.

4-H Horse Expo Eligibility

Exhibiting a horse or pony in the State 4-H Horse Expo is open to any 4-H Horse Project member between the grades of 6-13 at the time of annual enrollment. Exhibitors must take at least one blue ribbon at the County Fair in a qualifying class. Qualifying classes are showmanship, equitation horsemanship, or driving reinsmanship, pleasure riding or pleasure driving and trail or obstacle driving. Exhibitors must be approved by the parent, 4-H project leader and county 4-H Youth Development Agent. An exhibitor may enter up to five classes at Expo; however, you must enter one class in which you won your blue ribbon at the County Fair. You must ride the same horse you qualified with.

Exhibiting a horse or pony in the State 4-H Horse Expo is open to any 4-H Horseless Horse Program member between the grades of 6-13 at the time of annual enrollment. Exhibitors must take at least one blue ribbon at the County Fair in qualifying class. Qualifying classes are horseless horse showmanship, walk/trot horsemanship, or 3-gait horsemanship. Exhibitors must also be approved by the parent, 4-H project leader and county 4-H Youth Development Agent. An exhibitor may enter two horseless horse classes at Expo; however, you must enter a class in which you won your blue ribbon at the County Fair. You must ride the same horse you qualified with.

Further information on State 4-H Horse Expo will be provided to members upon their qualification to participate.

Unmounted Opportunities

There are many opportunities for members to get involved in the Horse Project at the state level, and many do not require that the member own or bring a horse. These educational events are divided for competition by grade level. They consist of the following:

Educational events are in the area of art, clothes horse, creative writing, demonstrations, drawing, Hippology, horse bowl, horse judging, model horse, photography, poster, public speaking, team problems, vet science and woodworking. Complete information on the opportunities, requirements for participation and judging guidelines can be found on the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association website:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/HorseHandbook.cfm>

Area Animal Science Days

Is held annually in June in four sites throughout the state. Waushara County participates in the Northeast area. The host county determines which events, if any, in addition to the required events will be offered. The required events include hippology, horse bowl and poster.

4-H Horse Expo

The 4-H Horse Expo also includes competition categories for clothes horse, woodworking, demonstration or illustrated talk, speaking, drawing, art, hippology, horse bowl, horse judging, model horse, photography and poster in which members of all ages may participate.

4-H Leader Conference

Each year the State 4-H Horse Association offers a three day conference in November for youth (7th grade and up) and adult volunteers. At the conference, participants attend workshops that include both information and hands on activity ideas they can use when teaching youth. It is also a forum for strengthening communication about the project and an opportunity for participants to network and share experiences.

**Waushara County 4-H Horse Association
Member Clinic Reimbursement Request Policy & Form**

This policy allows achieving members of the 4-H Horse Association the opportunity to request financial assistance to participate in a horse related clinic. The clinic must be sponsored by 4-H and information from the clinic must have been shared with members of the horse association prior to reimbursement. All reimbursements are dependent upon availability of funds. Reimbursement requests must be received within three (3) months of the event attended and no later than October 1. Requests are to be made by completing the information below and submitting it to: *UW-Extension Office, P.O. Box 487, Wautoma, WI 54982*. Requests will be reviewed in October and reimbursement will be issued at that time. The amount reimbursement will be based on the total cost, participant selection process, ability to share the information with others and perceived value.

Name _____ Date Submitted _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Event _____ Registration Fee \$ _____

Date and Location _____

Brief Description of Event (objectives, purpose, etc.):

Describe the benefit of the event to your project work:

Describe what you shared with the 4-H Horse Association as a result of your participation in this clinic.

For Executive Committee Action:

Reimbursement amount awarded _____

Date approved _____

HORSELESS HORSE GROOM CONTRACT

This contract is made between _____ (Horse Owner) and _____ (Horseless Horse Project Member) for the project year _____ to outline the rights and responsibilities of each party under the Waushara County 4-H Horseless Horse Groom Program. The purpose is to help everyone understand their role in making this opportunity safe and successful for all involved.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Horseless Horse Groom Program is to offer the Horseless Horse Project member an opportunity to work with a horse owned by a 4-H member or 4-H leader. Emphasis in this program is on ground handling, grooming, care and safety of horse and caretaker. The Horseless Horse Project member may act as the owner's groom at the county fair, and may enter the Horseless Horse classes at the fair. This is not intended to be the sole activity of the horseless horse project.

Rights and Responsibilities of the Horse Owner

1. The horse owner may interview and request interaction of the member with the horse to determine if they are suitable for each other.
2. The horse owner should attempt to provide as many experiences in horse care to the member as the owner, member and member's parent or guardian feel are appropriate and safe. Meeting times should be mutually agreed upon.
3. If upon evaluation of the member's abilities, the horse owner does not feel that the member is able to handle the horse in a safe manner, the owner may deny the member the opportunity to use the horse in any public exhibition or activity, including the County Fair.
4. The horse owner may terminate the contract at any time if the terms of the agreement are not met.

Rights and Responsibilities of the Member

1. The member is responsible for initiating contact with the horse owner to establish a schedule to meet, discuss arrangements for participating in clinics (i.e. horse camp) or public exhibition (i.e. county fair).
2. This agreement is for the project year stated, and is not automatically renewable. The member is responsible for finding a horse to work with each project year if desired.
3. The member shall follow all rules established by the horse owner for the use of the horse. These rules should be in writing and attached to this agreement, if possible.
4. The member shall provide his or her own show outfit, safety helmet, boots or other items of a personal nature required for the program. The member shall respect the owner's equipment he or she is allowed to use, and is responsible for the proper care of it during his or her use.
5. The member may terminate the contract at any time if the terms of the agreement are not met.

Requirements of the Program

1. Between May 1 and August 25 of the project year, the member should complete a minimum of 20 hours of work with the horse. The hours should be logged.
2. The member shall complete a Project Record Sheet for Horseless Horse for inclusion in the member's record book.
3. It is NOT necessary for the member to exhibit the horse in the County Fair for successful completion of the program.

Dated this _____ day of _____

Horse Owner Signature

Horseless Horse Member Signature

Member's Parent/Guardian Signature

See Other Side For More Important Information

FACTS ABOUT THE PROJECT

HORSE NAME: _____

BREED: _____ AGE OF HORSE _____

WHERE WILL HORSE BE KEPT: _____

MONTHLY BOARDING OR OTHER CHARGE: _____

RESPONSIBILITY FOR (circle who is the responsible party):

•Veterinary Care	Owner	Member	•Farrier Care	Owner	Member
•Feed	Owner	Member	•Bedding	Owner	Member
•Shelter Daily Care	Owner	Member	•Transportation	Owner	Member

OTHER TERMS OF OUR AGREEMENT:

IMPORTANT LIABILITY NOTICE

All parties should remember that horses are large animals, and the care and riding of horses is considered by Wisconsin Law to be inherently dangerous. Horse owners are making their animals available for use without profit for the benefit of 4-H members interested in horses. The Wisconsin Recreational Activities Law (Sec. 895.52 Wis. Stats.) applies to activities conducted under this agreement:

895.52 Recreational Activities; limitation of property owner's liability

(1) Definitions. In this section:

...(b) "Injury" means an injury to a person or to property.

...(c) "Private property owner" means any owner other than a government body or nonprofit organizations that owns, leases or occupies property.

...(f) "Property" means real property and buildings, structures and improvements thereon, and the waters of the state...

...(g) "Recreational activity" means any outdoor activity, undertaken for the purpose of exercise, relaxation or pleasure, including practice or instruction in any such activity..[It] includes...horseback riding...animal training.

(2) No duty; immunity from liability. (A) Except as provided in subs (3) to (6), no owner and no officer, employee or agent of an owner owes to any person who enters the owner's property to engage in a recreational activity:

1. A duty to keep the property safe for recreational activities.
2. A duty to inspect the property, except as provided under s.23.115(2).
3. A duty to give warning of an unsafe condition, use or activity on the property.

(b) Except as provided in subs (3) to (6), no owner...is liable for any injury to, or any injury caused by a person engaging in a recreational activity on the owner's property...

This is a summary of the applicable statutory sections of this law.

Anyone wishing a more complete understanding of the provisions of this law should consult an attorney.

MANAGERIAL PROJECT CONTRACT

This contract is made between _____ (Horse Owner) and _____ (Managerial Horse Project Member) for the project year _____ to outline the rights and responsibilities of each party under the Waushara County 4-H Horse Project. The purpose is to help everyone understand their role in making this opportunity safe and successful for all involved.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the managerial projects is to make available to Horse Project Members horses which they do not own for the purpose of the project. A managerial animal is defined by the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Association as one that is "under the care of, but not owned by, the exhibitor." The member is expected to assume responsibility for the animal's care and well-being during the project year.

Rights and Responsibilities of the Horse Owner

1. The horse owner may interview and request interaction of the member with the horse to determine if they are suitable for each other.
2. The horse owner may require a lease agreement or other contract outside of this one for use and care of the horse. If so, the outside contract controls with regard to use and care of the horse. However, this contract controls with regard to participation with the horse in 4-H project activities. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to make sure that he or she is compliant with this contract.
3. If upon evaluation of the member's abilities, the horse owner does not feel that the member is able to handle the horse in a safe manner, the owner may deny the member the opportunity to use the horse in any public exhibition or activity, including the County Fair.
4. The horse owner may terminate the contract at any time if the terms of the agreement are not met.

Rights and Responsibilities of the Member

1. The member is responsible for initiating contact with the horse owner to establish a schedule to meet, discuss arrangements for participating in clinics (i.e., horse camp) or public exhibition (i.e. County Fair).
2. This agreement is for the project year stated, and is not automatically renewable. The member is responsible for finding a horse to work with each project year if desired.
3. The member shall follow all rules established by the horse owner for the use of the horse. If there is a separate contract or lease, a copy should be attached to this agreement.
4. The member is responsible for an agreed upon portion of the costs of horse care and tack during the contract period. This should include a predetermined amount of hay, grain, bedding, veterinary, farrier and transportation costs. The Waushara County 4-H Horse Association recommends the member be responsible for ½ costs. (Attach a copy of the cost agreement or details on back). If a specific cost is due to an activity by the member, the horse owner has the right to expect the member to assume full financial responsibility for that cost.
5. The member may terminate the contract at any time if the terms of the agreement are not met.

Requirements of the Program

6. Between February 1 and August 25 of the project year, the member should have responsibility for the care of the horse.
7. The member shall complete the/a Project Record Sheet for the horse project and include in their member's record book.
8. It is NOT necessary for the member to exhibit the horse in the County Fair for successful completion of the program.

Dated this _____ day of _____

Horse Project Member Signature

Horse Owner Signature

Member's Parent or Guardian Signature

See Other Side For More Important Information

FACTS ABOUT THE PROJECT

HORSE NAME: _____

BREED: _____ AGE OF HORSE _____

WHERE WILL HORSE BE KEPT: _____

MONTHLY BOARDING OR OTHER CHARGE: _____

RESPONSIBILITY FOR (circle who is the responsible party):

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|---------------------|-------|--------|-----------------|-------|--------|
| •Veterinary Care | Owner | Member | •Farrier Care | Owner | Member |
| •Feed | Owner | Member | •Bedding | Owner | Member |
| •Shelter Daily Care | Owner | Member | •Transportation | Owner | Member |

OTHER TERMS OF OUR AGREEMENT: _____

IMPORTANT LIABILITY NOTICE

All parties should remember that horses are large animals, and the care and riding of horses is considered by Wisconsin Law to be inherently dangerous. Horse owners are making their animals available for use without profit for the benefit of 4-H members interested in horses. The Wisconsin Recreational Activities Law (Sec. 895.52 Wis. Stats.) applies to activities conducted under this agreement:

895.52 Recreational Activities; limitation of property owner's liability

(1) **Definitions.** In this section:

...(b) "Injury" means an injury to a person or to property.

...(c) "Private property owner" means any owner other than a government body or nonprofit organizations that owns leases or occupies property.

...(f) "Property" means real property and buildings, structures and improvements thereon, and the waters of the state...

...(g) "Recreational activity" means any outdoor activity, undertaken for the purpose of exercise, relaxation or pleasure, including practice or instruction in any such activity..[It] includes...horseback riding...animal training.

(2) **No duty; immunity from liability.** (A) Except as provided in subs (3) to (6), no owner and no officer, employee or agent of an owner owes to any person who enters the owner's property to engage in a recreational activity:

1. A duty to keep the property safe for recreational activities.
2. A duty to inspect the property, except as provided under s.23.115(2).
3. A duty to give warning of an unsafe condition, use or activity on the property.

(b) Except as provided in subs (3) to (6), no owner...is liable for any injury to, or any injury caused by a person engaging in a recreational activity on the owner's property...

This is a summary of the applicable statutory sections of this law.

Anyone wishing a more complete understanding of the provisions of this law should consult an attorney.