

**SHOW PROCEDURE:** Exhibitors must be present at time of showing. Animals must be housed in a cage at all times of the show unless asked to remove them by the judge. If being shown in a travel cage, exhibitors should bring photographs of the animal's normal habitat.

- Each exhibitor will be asked to give a short "showmanship" presentation on their animal. The characteristics, health, and care of the animal should be provided in this presentation. Following the presentation, exhibitors will be interviewed on knowledge of their animal and its care.
- The judge will evaluate the participant on the following basis: animal health and well-being - 35 points; cage evaluation (appropriateness of travel housing as well as description of everyday housing) - 25 points; and overall knowledge and presentation skills - 40 points.
- See 4-H Companion Animal Judging Sheet for more complete breakdown of points available.
- Participant should bring animal, adequate cage and accessories, completed health certificate for ferrets, and pictures of normal habitat if appropriate.

**HOUSING:**

- All animals should be brought in appropriate housing either their normal cage or a durable plastic or wire travel cage (not cardboard). Cages must be secure. Exhibitors should provide water and food for all animals as appropriate. If a cage/enclosure is deemed inappropriate by the show superintendent, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show.

**HEALTH & VACCINATIONS:**

- All animals should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasite and infectious disease. If any signs of these external parasites or other contagious health conditions are presented, exhibitors will be asked to leave without being allowed to show. If an animal shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other animals in the show and will not be allowed to show. Animals that pose a danger to others will not be allowed to show.
- Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and have a completed health form signed by the administering veterinarian.

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR** - An exhibitor can have one entry per class with a maximum of four entries total.

**AGE OF ANIMALS** - All animals must be weaned prior to show. Minimum age of animals to be shown:

Ferrets: 4 months	Guinea pigs: 4 weeks	Pet Rabbits: 9 weeks
Chinchillas: 7 weeks	Hedgehogs: 5 weeks	Gerbils/Hamsters/Mice/Rats: 4 weeks

**DRESS CODE** -See Livestock/Animal General Rules.

**CLEAN UP** - Exhibitors must clean up their own exhibit area.

**COMPANION ANIMAL CLASSES**

**PREMIUMS:** Purple, \$2.00; Blue, \$1.50; Red, \$1.00; White, \$.50

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| • Pet Rabbit | • Gerbil  | • Hedgehog |
| • Ferret     | • Hamster | • Lizard   |
| • Chinchilla | • Mouse   | • Poster   |
| • Guinea Pig | • Rat     |            |

**HORSE DIVISION**

**IDENTIFICATION:** All 4-H horses must be identified by description on the 4-H Horse ID sheet (F2-97-77) as to color, markings, brands, etc., or colored photo. Be detailed with markings and color and use registered names (if appropriate). There is no limit on the number of horses identified by each 4-H member. ID forms are due in the Extension Office by June 15. **Horses not identified by June 15 will not be allowed to show.**

**Regulations, dress code and procedures will be those set forth in the "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide" available from the extension office or UNL Marketplace.**

**WESTERN DRESS CODE:**

- A western hat must be worn and should stay on during the performance. Hats are optional only in barrel racing and pole bending. Hat must stay on in barrel racing and pole bending if rider enters the

arena wearing hat (two-second fine for losing hat). In speed events, if hats are not worn, a plain white or green headband may be worn for rider's hair control if band is 3 inches or less in width. Feathers, if present, may not protrude beyond the outer edge of the brim nor above the top of the crown.

- Shirts and blouses must be all white, including buttons, thread, etc., with convertible collars (one that is meant to be folded at the seam line and may or may not be buttoned at the base of neck). Tuxedo, turtleneck or other stand-up collars are not permitted. National, country, or club emblems, medals, etc., are not permitted at county, district, or state shows. No rhinestones, silver collar tips or similar embellishments on blouses are permitted. Sheer, see-through blouses are inappropriate and not permitted. Sleeveless shirts and blouses are not permitted. Long sleeves are recommended, although short sleeves are permitted. Rain or cold weather may alter dress code when approved by the horse superintendents.
- Dark blue denim jeans must be worn, and a belt is recommended. Heavy contrasting threading and fringes are not permitted. Minimal white or tan thread on the rear pockets is permitted. No rhinestones, silver studs, or similar embellishments are prohibited.
- Color of hat, gloves, boots, chaps, etc., is optional.
- Hard-soled shoes or cowboy boots are considered safe and appropriate. Boots with waffle-type tread greater than or equal to 1/8" will not be allowed in riding classes.
- Spurs are permissible but must be dull and if roweled must be free moving.
- A 4-H arm band is required in county and state 4-H horse shows. Arm band is to be worn on the left arm above the elbow. Failure to wear armband will result in receiving a white ribbon.
- **Optional:** Protective head gear; chaps in Reining, Western Riding and Trail; gloves in any class; tie or scarf.
- **Prohibited:** Ball caps or hats other than western; medals, emblems, large feathers, etc., on hats; spurs are not to be worn in Showmanship and Halter classes. Decisions will be at the discretion of show management.
- **Note:** Additional optional and prohibited attire and/or equipment pertaining to specific classes are noted in the rules for that class. (4-H373, *4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide*)

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** NO health certificates are needed prior to showing at the fair. It should be brought to the attention of the horse superintendents as soon as possible of any potentially ill horses. There may be an option for the veterinarian to inspect potentially ill horses if requested by the superintendents the day of the show.

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR:**

- Each exhibitor may enter as many events as he wishes. However, a horse may be entered in each event only once. The novice, junior and senior division of each event will be considered a single event.
- The horse that is shown in 4-H at the state level may only be shown in 4-H at the county fair during the same year. The following year the horse may be used in either 4-H or FFA.
- A horse exhibited in a 4-H event cannot be exhibited in any FFA events. Horses not used in 4-H at the county or state shows may be used to exhibit at the FFA county show.

**AGE OF HORSE:** The age of a horse is determined on the calendar year starting January 1 of the year foaled. For example, a horse foaled anytime in 2000 was considered to be to one year old on January 1, 2001, and two years old on January 1, 2002.

A stallion may be exhibited during the year he is foaled and not the year after he is foaled. However, any unruly animals are to be dismissed from the showing immediately by the superintendent.

**MEASURING HORSES:** All horses entered in the pleasure pony and pony halter classes, need to be at the fairgrounds by 8:00 am the day of the Horse Show to be measured.

**WHO IS ALLOWED TO EXHIBIT:** Only 4-H project owners may exhibit their animals unless excused by the Superintendent and Extension Educator. Excuses, when granted, are only for military service, sickness or when the owner has a conflict with another county fair activity. If the 4-Her has several 4-H fair activities scheduled at the same time, the show WILL NOT be held up for the exhibitor.

**CLASS SIZE:** Class sizes may be changed at the horse superintendent's discretion. All classes will take place in the main arena.

Horses are not to be ridden in the livestock housing and livestock exhibit areas. 4-H members caught riding horses in the livestock area will forfeit premiums won in the 4-H Horse Show.

**RAIN DATE:** Should the 4-H Horse Show be "rained out" or delayed for some unavoidable reason, the remaining events of the show will be rescheduled to begin at 9:00 am of the next immediate Saturday after fair. If conditions on the rescheduled date are still such that the show cannot be concluded it shall not be rescheduled.

### **HALTER CLASSES**

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$3.00; Blue, \$2.25; Red, \$1.50; and White, \$.75

TROPHIES: Champion Halter Horse and Reserve Champion Halter Horse.

**The exhibitor may show as many halter horses as they wish but limited to 2 horses in each halter class. All horses shall be shown together according to age, regardless of breed. All ponies will show in one class, regardless of age or breed.**

G008901	Foals (fillies & colts)
G008902	Yearlings (fillies & geldings)
G008903	Two Year Olds (fillies & geldings)
G008904	Mares (3-Years & older)
G008905	Geldings (3-Years & older)
G008906	Ponies 48" and under (all ages)
G008907	Ponies Over 48" and under 56" (all ages)

### **AGE DIVISIONS FOR SHOWMANSHIP, SNAFFLE AND ALL PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

Senior Division – ages 14 & over on December 31 of previous year

Junior Division – ages 11-12-13 on December 31 of previous year

Novice Division – ages 8-9-10 on December 31 of previous year

### **HORSE SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$4.00; Blue, \$3.00; Red, \$2.00; White, \$1.00

Champion and Reserve Champion banners will be awarded to the first and second place purples in each division. Purple, Blue, Red and White ribbons will be awarded to all participants. **The trophy winner must have received a purple ribbon.** Showmanship Order: Senior, Junior, & Novice

G008913	Senior Horse Showmanship
G008914	Junior Horse Showmanship
G008915	Novice Horse Showmanship

### **2-YEAR OLD SNAFFLE BIT CLASSES**

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$3.50; Blue, \$2.75; Red, \$1.80; White, \$.90.

To enter in this class, the exhibitor must have passed Level II of the Horse Project Advancement Levels. In this class the horse must be ridden with snaffle bit and may be ridden with two hands. The routine will be the same as the western pleasure horse class and the horse cannot compete in any other performance class.

The 2-year old may also be shown in the Halter Class. Refer to 4-H373, *4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide* for details on this class. A trophy will be presented to first place purple in each senior, junior and novice division. **The trophy winner must have received a purple ribbon.**

G008916	Senior 2-Year Old Snaffle Bit
G008917	Junior 2-Year Old Snaffle Bit
G008918	Novice 2-Year Old Snaffle Bit

### **PERFORMANCE EVENTS**

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$3.50; Blue, \$2.75; Red, \$1.80; White, \$.90

A trophy will be presented to first place in each senior, junior and novice event. **THE TROPHY WINNER MUST HAVE RECEIVED A PURPLE RIBBON. An individual is allowed to exhibit in only ONE western pleasure class, either Pleasure Pony or Western Pleasure Horse.** The reining patterns and trail class obstacles will be determined early and listed in the 4-H newsletter prior to the fair.

### **WALK-TROT CLASS**

Novice members are eligible for the Walk-Trot Pleasure Class and Walk-Trot Horsemanship Class. This class is to be judged on the execution of a walk and jog/trot by the pleasure horse and is intended for riders who

are not yet comfortable at exhibiting at the lope or canter. If the rider participates in the Walk-Trot Pleasure Class or the Walk-Trot Horsemanship Class, the rider is **NOT** eligible to enter any other Ranch Pleasure, Western Pleasure, or Western Horsemanship class, even if they have another horse.

### **RANCH PLEASURE CLASS**

Seniors, Juniors and Novices are eligible for the Ranch Pleasure Class. Exhibitors may participate in both a Western Pleasure class and Ranch Pleasure class, but with different horses. **No horse may enter a Western Pleasure and Ranch Pleasure at the same show regardless of divisions.** The purpose of the Ranch Pleasure class is to measure the ability of the horse to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a means of conveyance from one ranch task to another and should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse.

### **RANCH RIDING CLASS**

Seniors, Juniors, and Novices are eligible for the Ranch Riding Class. Exhibitors may participate in both a Western Pleasure class and Ranch Riding class, but with different horses. **No horse may enter a Western Pleasure and Ranch Riding at the same show regardless of divisions.** A Ranch Riding horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena and that of a working ranch horse. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider.

***The same horse may be ridden in a Ranch Pleasure and Ranch Riding class, but not in a Western Pleasure Class. An individual may enter both Western Pleasure and Ranch Pleasure, but they must ride a different horse for each class.***

### **PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

G008919	Novice Walk-Trot Pleasure
G008920	Novice Walk-Trot Horsemanship
G008921	Senior Western Pleasure Pony (under 14.2 hands)
G008922	Junior Western Pleasure Pony (under 14.2 hands)
G008923	Novice Western Pleasure Pony (under 14.2 hands)
G008924	Senior Western Pleasure Horse (over 14.2 hands)
G008925	Junior Western Pleasure Horse (over 14.2 hands)
G008926	Novice Western Pleasure Horse (over 14.2 hands)
G008927	Senior Western Horsemanship
G008928	Junior Western Horsemanship
G008929	Novice Western Horsemanship
G008930	Senior Ranch Pleasure
G008931	Junior Ranch Pleasure
G008932	Novice Ranch Pleasure
G008933	Senior Ranch Riding
G008934	Junior Ranch Riding
G008935	Novice Ranch Riding
G008936	Senior Reining
G008937	Junior Reining
G008938	Novice Reining
G008939	Senior Trail Class
G008940	Junior Trail Class
G008941	Novice Trail Class
G008942	Senior Pole Bending
G008943	Junior Pole Bending
G008944	Novice Pole Bending
G008945	Senior Barrel Racing
G008946	Junior Barrel Racing
G008947	Novice Barrel Racing

### **BREAK AWAY ROPING CLASS**

Seniors, Juniors and any Novices that want to move up are eligible for the Break Away Roping Class. There is a maximum of two loops or 1 ½ minutes. A charge per team will be collected with pre-entry. There is a required number of participants to hold this class. That number will be announced on the pre-entry form. There will be no additions on entry day and the roping class will run at the end of the show. No level testing is

required. A trophy will be presented to the top purple ribbon in each senior, junior and novice division. **The trophy winner must have received a purple ribbon.**

G008948 Senior Break Away Roping  
G008949 Junior Break Away Roping (juniors and novice exhibitors requesting to move up)

### **DUMMY ROPING CLASS**

PREMIUMS: Purple, \$3.50; Blue, \$2.75; Red, \$1.80; White, \$.90.

A trophy will be presented to the first place. **The trophy winner must have received a purple ribbon.**

This class is for **Novice only** and is done from the ground only. Roper must stay 7 feet behind the dummy.

G008950 Novice Dummy Roping

### **TEAM ROPING CLASS**

Seniors, Juniors and any Novices are eligible for the Team Roping class. If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide for Legal and Illegal Catches. A charge per team will be collected with pre-entry. There will be no additions on entry day and the roping class will run at the end of the show. There is a required number of participants to hold this class. That number will be announced on the pre-entry form. No level testing is required. A trophy will be present to top purple ribbon in each senior, junior and novice division. **The trophy winner must have received a purple ribbon.**

G008951 Senior Team Roping  
G008952 Junior Team Roping  
G008953 Novice Team Roping

### **GOAT TYING CLASS**

- This event is open to all 4-H members.
- There is a required number of participants to hold this class. That number will be announced on the pre-entry form.
- A charge will be collected with pre-entry.
- Starting line will be 100 feet from stake.
- The goat should be tied to a stake with a rope ten feet in length.
- There is no horse allowed for Novice Division. 4-H'ers are on foot and the starting line may change.
- Juniors and seniors must ride a horse. The 4-H'er must be mounted on a horse and ride from the starting line to the goat, dismount, catch the goat, throw, and tie any three legs together and signal that their tie is complete by rising their hands in the air. The exhibitor then must step back away from the goat.
- If the goat is down on its knees when the 4-Her reaches it, the goat must be let up or lifted high enough to give the opportunity to regain its feet. Then the contestant may throw and tie the goat.
- Tie at least three legs together with a leather thong, pigging string, or rope and then move back three (3) feet away from the goat.
- To qualify as a legal tie, there will be at least one complete wrap around at least three legs, and half hitch or hooley.
- Legs must remain crossed and secure for 6 seconds after typing.
- Time will start when the horse's nose crosses the starting line and time will stop when 4-Her signals the completion of the tie.
- A trophy will be presented to the top purple ribbon in each senior, junior and novice division. **The trophy winner must have received a purple ribbon.**

G008954 Senior Goat Tying  
G008955 Junior Goat Tying  
G008956 Novice Goat Tying