LaPorte 4-H Draft Horse & Mule Project









Name:		
Number of Vears in Project	4-H Club	

YEAR:

Purpose of Project

The purpose of the Wagon Masters 4-H program is to empower youth through hands-on experiences with draft horses and mules. It cultivates leadership, responsibility, and sportsmanship while teaching proper horsemanship, animal well-being, and safe handling practices. The program also encourages community engagement and personal growth.

Note: 4-H Members are urged to own their own draft horses and mules, but it is not required.

<u>For lease papers and vaccination forms please visit: https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-horse.html</u>

All animals must conform to Health Regulations and vaccinations. All exhibitors must have proof that their animals have been vaccinated for: Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, Rhinopneumonitis, Influenza, Potomac Horse Fever, Strangles, and Tetanus. West Nile and

Rabies are not required, but highly recommended. A receipt for immunizations purchased may be used as proof.

- All shots need to be given by the summer clinic date.
- Rabies is required for any draft horses that are going to go to the Indiana State Fair 4-H Horse and Pony Show. Draft animals must also be entered in 4-H Online to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair 4-H Horse & Pony Show.

Goals for the Year

There are many things to learn about horses, their care and management. The topics <u>circled</u> are

those I would like to learn more about:

Selection& Judging Care of F

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Improving Driving Skills

Training

Use & Care of Equipment

Determining Age by Teeth

Feeding & Rations

General Horse Health

Care of Feet & Shoeing

Grooming

Shelter & Stalls

Showing

Horse Psychology

Safety with Horses

Care of Mare & Foal

Other Ideas List Below:



Learning Objectives

Years 1-3:

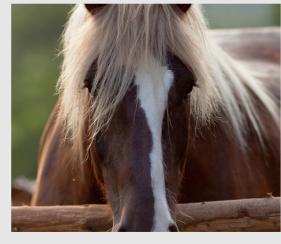
- Identify major draft horse breeds.
- Demonstrate basic safety around draft horses.
- Practice proper grooming techniques.
- Learn to safely lead, tie, and hold lines.
- Participate in halter class showmanship.
- Drive a single draft horse to a cart.
- Drive a team to a wagon.

Years 4-6:

- Master all skills from Years 1-3.
- Identify horse and harness parts.
- Learn cart/wagon parts.
- Apply basic first aid.
- Safely back a wagon.
- · Practice safe hooking and driving procedures.
- Identify proper horse condition.

Years 7-10:

- · Master all skills from previous years.
- · Identify common health issues.
- Learn proper collar, bit, and harness fitting.
- Refine line adjustments and hooking procedures.
- Understand basic nutrition guidelines.





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