

Level IV Record Sheet

4-H MEMBER'S NAME _____

HORSE'S NAME _____

(Horse must be the members 4-H project horse and be identified on a current ID sheet.)

4-H members who qualify at this level must know and practice all the elements involved in working and enjoying horses. Evaluation of each member's qualifications will be based upon his or her ability to demonstrate knowledge and skill. The evaluator must be able to see the rider and horse work as a team without fear or force. Riders will be evaluated on competence shown in all phases of working with their horse. This includes leading, grooming, saddling and halter showing, as well as actual riding. **In order to pass Level IV the 4-H'er must show proficiency and confidence in ALL portions of the test: demonstration, written report, first aid, feeding knowledge and skills. Once a section has been passed, it need not be repeated. However, if a member fails to pass a section of the levels test, that entire section must be repeated (i.e., retake the entire Skills Test).**

NOTE: The entire riding portion of Level IV must be done with a single horse and be ridden with one hand on the reins (Western riders) or two-handed (English riders). Exception: Horses 4 years old if ridden with a snaffle bit or bosal as described in the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide, may be ridden two-handed. The horse used for the Skills Test should be 4 years old or older.

I. Club Demonstration

a. Give a club demonstration on any of the subjects listed on page 30. (Demonstration should be completed prior to the written and Skills Test. Suggested length: 10-20 minutes.) **NOTE: A different demonstration must be done for each different horsemanship level.**

Topic of demonstration _____

Date _____ Leader's signature _____

II. Written Report

a. A written report (minimum of 2 pages) on how the horse responded to training in preparation for the Level IV Skills Test. If any difficulties were encountered in any one or more of the maneuvers, tell what they were and what was done to correct them, (report is to be turned in on or before the day of the Skills Test).

Written report in _____

Date _____ Leader's signature _____

III. Skills Test

a. A Skills Test demonstrating the 4-H'er's proficiency of horsemanship, horse handling, and riding various maneuvers must be completed. The 4-H'er must complete each and every portion of the Skills Test to pass the Advanced Horseman level.

Skills test successfully completed _____

Date _____ Tester's signature _____

b. First aid kit (To be completed during the Skills Test). Member should display a first aid kit for horses and explain the proper use of the contents. Member should also be familiar with basic health care and determining if a horse is healthy or sick.

First aid kit _____

Date _____ Tester's signature _____

c. Feeding (To be completed during the Skills Test). The member must be able to discuss the feeding program of the horse in full: nutrient balance, work balance, costs to feed daily and yearly, and changes made for periods such as showing, changes of season, breeding, etc.

Basic feeding knowledge _____

Date _____ Tester's signature _____

Based on this examination, the above 4-H member (has) (has not) passed Advanced Horseman, Level IV.

Date _____ Examiner _____