

Level I 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)

This level is designed for riders who have had little or no experience around horses. The leader should emphasize correct and safe principles in handling and riding horses. Riding instructors should develop confidence in the member in their ability to ride and guide a horse. The riders balance, correct seat and use of hands should be stressed. In order to pass Level I, the 4-H'er must show proficiency and confidence in ALL portions of the test: written, demonstration 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 written exam, or retake the entire Skills Test). Each section may be repeated as many times as necessary for successful completion.

NOTE: The entire riding portion of Level I must be done with a single horse and be ridden with one or two hands on the reins.

I. Club Demonstration

a. Give at least one demonstration or talk to the club on any of the subjects listed on page 7 of the manual, or topics within the Beginning Horseman Study Guide or Skills Test. (Suggested length: 10-20 minutes. Demonstration should be completed prior to the Written and Skills Test.)

Topic of demonstration: _____

Date: _____ Leader's signature: _____

II. Written Examination

(Individuals who administer the exam should realize some youth may have special needs and should use their judgment on the method of administration.)

a. A written examination must be completed with a minimum grade of 80 percent. This examination is available through your Extension office and/or club leader.

Written exam grade: _____

Date: _____ Leader's signature: _____

III. Skills Test

a. A Skills Test demonstrating the 4-H'ers proficiency of basic horsemanship, horse handling and care must be completed. The 4-H'er must complete each and every portion of the Skills Test to pass the Beginning Horseman level.

Skills Test successfully completed: _____

Date: _____ Leader's signature: _____

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

Date _____ Examiner _____