

BEGINNING HORSEMAN WORKSHEET

LEVEL I – IN-HAND

SKILLS TEST

4-H MEMBER'S NAME _____

HORSE'S NAME _____

The 4-H'er must show proficiency at all skills listed below to pass the BEGINNING HORSEMAN (B).

NOTE: The entire handling portion must be done with a single horse or pony.

NOTE: Individuals who administer the Skills Test of Level 1B should realize some youth may have special needs and should use their judgement on the method of testing segments of the Level 1B Skills Test.

I. BASIC HORSE HANDLING

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A. Demonstrate and/or explain the correct procedures to approach and catch a horse.

1. Use of body position

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2. Use of voice

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B. Demonstrate the correct and safe procedure to halter any horse.

1. Explain proper fit of the halter

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C. Demonstrate the proper and safe way to lead a horse with a halter.

1. Hand position on the lead shank or lead rope

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2. Body position

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D. Demonstrate safety precautions when working around a tied horse.

1. Approaching your horse from the rear

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2. Moving from side to side

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E. Demonstrate and discuss a typical "daily" grooming routine to prepare a horse to be ridden.

1. Correct use of equipment

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2. Safety practiced while grooming

3. Proper, complete procedures

4. Name two benefits achieved from grooming your horse

II. SHOWMANSHIP

(The youth's confidence and ability are more important than the response of the horse at this level.)

A. Demonstrate proper use of hands and body while leading a horse.

1. At the walk

2. At the trot

B. Demonstrate basic control and correctness when leading a horse at several gaits.

1. Walk and trot in a figure 8

2. Walk and trot in a straight line

3. Walk and trot in a circle

4. Stop and back three steps

Based on this examination, the 4-H member (has) (has not) passed the Skills Test of the BEGINNER HORSEMAN, LEVEL I IN-HAND.

Date _____ Examiner _____