

Kalamazoo County 4-H

Mini Horse Project Guidelines

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Project Social Media: Kalamazoo County 4-H miniature horses

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Horse Project Objectives & Life Skills*

- Learn the basic principles of animal science by caring for, working with, keeping records or owning, leasing or borrowing mini horses.
- Explore knowledge of sound management, nutrition, reproduction and selection practices.
- Discover how you can start a career in the equine industry.

- **Head**
 - Problem Solving
 - Record Keeping
 - Service Learning
 - Decision Making
- **Heart**
 - Social Skills
 - Cooperation
 - Communication
 - Nurturing Relationships
- **Hands**
 - Responsible Citizenship
 - Teamwork
 - Self-motivation
 - Leadership
- **Health**
 - Self-responsibility
 - Self-discipline
 - Disease Prevention
 - Personal Safety

**note these life skills are just some examples of what 4-H members will learn in this project*

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Miniature Horse

Guidelines:

- Mini horses require a poster or notebook that shows age-appropriate details/research about one of the topics listed under the 4-H member's current age category.
- Members should choose a different topic each year.
- Projects should include photographs when able, diagrams and examples, Member Name and 4H Age, and detailed explanation of the topic.

Section C–Fitting and Showing

Section D–Costume

Section E–In-hand Trail

Section F–In-hand Jumping

Section G - In-hand gymkhana

Section H–Miniature Horse Science

- Cloverbuds (age 5-7)
 - poster of choice that shows basic horse knowledge
 - basic horse terms- stallion, mare, gelding, foal.
 - General horse colors,
 - Horse safety.
 - How to safely tie a mini, Parts of a hoof, Grooming tools etc.
- 4-H members (age 8-19)
 - Poster or notebook of one of the following topics
 - Feeding and housing a mini
 - Diseases of the miniature horse
 - Jobs for minis
 - Training a mini (tell the purpose of the training)
 - What is a miniature horse? Basic info and facts (What makes it a mini? How did it get that small? Sizes etc.)
 - Breeding and raising a mini
 - Preparing a mini horse for showmanship
 - Grooming and proper hoof care for a mini horse
 - Worming and parasite control for mini horses (types of parasites, worm control and dosages, fly control)
 - Colors and Markings of a mini
 - Mini Horse Breeds
 - Mini versus Pony versus Light Horse
 - Tack for mini horses and the purpose
 - Project of choice not listed (use the project of choice evaluation form)

MSU Extension 4-H Horse and Pony Snapshot -

https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_horse_pony_project_snapshot_4h1614

Mini Horse Evaluation Sheet

Name: _____ 4-H Age: _____

Number of years in Project: _____

Club: _____ Horse Leader: _____

Topic: _____

___ Presented in a clean and professional manner

___ Clear information and evidence of research

___ Members shows interest and enthusiasm about chosen topic

___ Topic and research is age appropriate

Comments: _____
