



**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION**

4-H Horseless Horse



The horseless horse project is designed for 4-H members interested in learning about horses but who do not own their own horse. All four units focus on learning life skills that can be easily transferred to the horse project, should a member purchase a horse.

Making Horse Sense - Unit 1

Jr./Int./Sr.

Unit 1: Making Horse Sense is for members ages 8-18 years old. Learning Experiences:

- Learn basic coat colors, breeds, and anatomy.
- Explore horse behaviors.
- Understand grooming and safety concerns.

Hooves, Health, Horsemanship - Unit 2

Jr./Int./Sr.

Unit 2: Hooves, Health, Horsemanship is for members ages 8-18 years old. Learning Experiences:

- Learn about horse conformation and movement.
- Study horse health, unsoundness, and blemishes.

Discuss tack and training aids.

Explore the realities of horse ownership.

Breaking Ground - Unit 3

Jr./Int./Sr.

Unit 3: Breaking Ground is for members ages 8-18 years old. Learning Experiences:

- Understand horse teeth and feeding requirements.
- Discover horse health issues.
- Learn about horse judging, riding aids and basic equitation.
- Develop leadership skills while helping others.

Brushing Up on Horses - Unit 4

Jr./Int./Sr.

Unit 4: Brushing Up on Horses is for members ages 8-18 years old. Learning Experiences:

- Understand parasites, the digestive tract and how to balance rations.
- Discuss horse reproduction.
- Learn about advanced movements and showmanship.
- Understand basic equine, pasture and housing management skills.
- Explore ethics related to the horse industry.

Resources and Links

[Horseless Horse Tip Sheet](#)

[Horseless Horse Score Sheets](#)

[Horseless Horse e-Record](#)

[State Fair Exhibit Requirements](#)

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