

## Draft Horse Project Book 4-H 181

As an Advisor, Parent, Project Helper or Judge this list will be useful in ensuring each member finishes required records and book work and prepares the child for judging, and culminates in being able to show at the Hardin County Fair.

As a first year member in this Draft Horse Project the following books will be necessary to complete the project and will then be used for all of the levels listed above. **Draft Horse Project Book 4-H 181 & Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Show 4- H 179. Equine Record Book 4-H 190R, Horses, Safety and You 4-H 191R is also required reference for all levels of Horse Projects, and [www.americandraftpony.org](http://www.americandraftpony.org)**  
(These books can be purchased at your Hardin County Extension Office located at 1021 W. Lima St., Suite 103. Kenton, Ohio.43326. PH: 419 674-2297

**\*Project Books can be used multiple years with added inserts for repeatable activities.\***

The following guidelines are for each age level of this project and what they need to have to complete their project books and be prepared for the interview process and end with culmination of the fair.

**Beginner:** Complete project book requirements to the best of your ability; study skill-a-thon topic(s)

**Intermediate:** Must complete all sections required for “intermediate” level. Complete Topic of Interest Summary (essay) if interested in going to Outstanding.

**Advanced:** If this is your first year in the project, all sections required for “advanced” level must be completed, as well as a five to ten minute presentation (poster, portfolio, electronic). If you have taken project previously, must have records (electronic or book) completed to turn in

**Animals need to be in your possession by the following date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attend a Quality Assurance Training: (only need to attend one) Available Dates are:**

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**Members in this project for the first time are required to do sections 1-5 and section 7 under the Project Activities sections.**

**Members in this project for the second year are required to do sections 2-7 under the Project Activities section.**

**Front Cover:** Complete Notes to Project Helper (Pg. 2) Read

**Member Project Guide** (Pgs. 3-9) Five Steps Read & Complete

**\*\*As with all new horse activities or trainings have an adult with experience with you when trying them out. Remember in these situations you are not only new to this thing your horse is also and it may be a frightening experience for him/her. \*\***

**Step 1**

### Project Areas

- **Date each section with start and completion as well as Helper Initials**

### Project Area 1-7

- **Breeds of Draft Horse** (Pgs. 10-12) Read
- **Draft Horse Conformation and Selection** (Pgs. 13-20)Read
- **Draft Horse Nutrition** (Pgs. 21-25)Read
- **Shoeing** (Pg. 26)Read
- **Harness, Harnessing, and Hitching** (Pgs. 27-38) Read & familiarize yourself with terms & equipment. And Practice, Practice, Practice.
- **Teaching the Draft Horse to Drive** (Pgs. 39-40) Read & familiarize yourself with terms & equipment. And Practice, Practice, Practice
- **Fitting and Showing** (Pgs. 41-47) Read & familiarize yourself with terms & equipment. And Practice, Practice, Practice

### Step 2

#### Project Activities

Each activity section is marked for a 1st or 2nd year project level member. Pick the activities for your level and complete them.

- **Project Area 1:** Breeds of Draft Horses (Pg. 4) Complete activities. Date and initial
- **Project Area 2:** Draft Horse Conformation and Selection (Pg. 4 & 5) Complete all five activities for all levels of project. Date and Initial
- **Project Area 3:** Draft Horse Nutrition (Pg. 5) Complete all 3 activities for 1st year project member and 2 activities for a 2nd year project member. Date and Initial.
- **Project Area 4:** Shoeing (Pg. 6) Each project member level complete 1 activity. Date and Initial.
- **Project Area 5:** Harness, Harnessing, And Hitching (Pg. 6) Both project levels complete all activities for level.
- **Project Area 6:** Teaching the Draft Horse to Drive (Pg. 6) For 2nd level project members only! Complete both activities Project Area 7: Fitting and Showing (Pg. 6) 1st year project members complete all 4 activities, 2nd year project members complete both activities.

### Step 3

#### Learning Experiences

- Plan and complete **at least two experiences** from those already supplied or some that you have come up with on your own. (Pg. 7)

### Step 4

#### Leadership/Citizenship Activities

- Choose and Complete **at least two activities**. Date and Initial (Pg. 8)

### Step 5

#### Project Review

- **Project Review:** Write a brief Summary of your project experience. (Pg. 9)

### Final Review

- **Project Review with Advisor, Equine Specialist or Project Helper:** Schedule and participate in a review in preparation for judging and interview at county level.

**Project Review with Parents and Advisors:** Parent Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Initials \_\_\_\_\_

- **County Interview Date:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **County Judging Date:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **County Fair Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations you have finished your Draft Horse Project Book for the year! We hope you enjoyed this and we can't wait to see you next year! Good Luck at the Fair!**

**Don't forget to complete Equine Record Book 4-H 190 R along with this project book. There is a separate checklist for this project book also.**