Nokota Horse Youth Program Record Book 2025

Welcome!

Congratulations on your commitment to participating in the 2025 Nokota Horse Youth Program. The Nokota Horse Youth Program is an educational horsemanship program challenging youth to further their horsemanship knowledge, skills, and abilities. Conceptualized as a way to provide youth with quality weanlings from Nokota Horse Preservation Breeders, the program continues to be greatly supported by weanling donations.

Throughout the eight-month program, you will be required to complete a number of units, including: train your horse; study, track, and be evaluated on a variety of horsemanship-related topics; submit reports, photos, and videos; attend events; have a mentoring session with a Professional Horseman.

The ongoing effort you put into this program will determine the ways you and your horse benefit from it, so you're encouraged to plan ahead, regularly invest your time, fulfill all your requirements, and make the most of this unique experience. We look forward to working with you.

YOUNG HORSE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM RECORD BOOK INFORMATION

Records should be kept throughout the program

Guidelines

- 1. Fulfilling Requirements To fulfill your Nokota Horse Youth Program requirements, you must complete these requirements:
 - A. Have your horse in your physical possession by December 31, 2024. The horse may be a donated horse assigned to you by Nokota Horse Breeder or may be purchased from a Nokota Preservation Breeder. If purchased, Nokota Horse Youth Program must be notified of the selected horse by December 1, 2024. (Transfer of ownership does not need to be completed by this date).
 - B. Complete each unit within this record book and submit it to the Nokota Horse Youth Program by the deadline indicated in each unit. If you need additional pages, make additional copies. It is preferred that you use the formats provided in this book, except for essays or where otherwise noted.
 - C. The information required to complete this packet is the minimum requirement for successful completion of the Nokota Horse Youth Program.

D.

2. Program Deadlines

- A. Requirements must be submitted and received in the Nokota Horse Youth Program according to the deadlines noted in this record book. See individual units for deadlines.
- B. Materials turned in late may be penalized or may not be considered for competition.
- C. It is the responsibility of the participant to ensure materials are received.

3. Submission Guidelines

- A. All participants are required to register for the free AQHA Young Horse Development course on American Quarter Horse University (AQHU) by January 10, 2024. They are a cost to you not the Nokota Horse Youth Program.
- B. Unless otherwise noted, completed assignments must be submitted to the Nokota Horse Youth Program by the deadline indicated in each unit.
- C. Materials must be submitted to Nokota Horse Youth Program.
- D. Video submissions must be viewable by evaluators and videos that are not viewable by evaluators may not be evaluated.

4. Evaluation

- A. Record Book components must meet the minimum requirements to be judged.
- B. Record Book evaluation and scoring will be based on the following:
 - o Completeness
 - Accuracy
 - o Content
 - Quality of work
 - o Presentation and appropriate training of horse
 - o Timeliness

A. Possible Points:

a. A total of 215 possible points may be awarded to each participant throughout the course of the program. Please note, the total number of possible points and assignments may be adjusted throughout the program at staff's discretion. Participants will be made aware of any changes to the below:

i.	Thank You Note #1	5 points	
ii.	Program Goal Sheet	5 points	
iii.	Monthly Reports	5 points/month (40 points)	
	Includes Horsemanship Report, Photo, Survey		
iv.	Quarterly Progress Reports	10 points/each (30 points)	
	Due April, July, September		
٧.	Video Update to Nokota Horse Prgm	10 points	
vi.	Professional Horseman Session	10 points	
vii.	Competition & Show Manager Report	10 points	
viii.	Income & Expenses	5 points	
ix.	Growth Chart	10 points	
х.	Program Summary Sheet	10 points	
xi.	Nutrition Test	10 points	
xii.	Video of In-Hand Trail Course	20 points	
xiii.	Assignments	30 points	
	 Three assignments worth 10 p 	oints each	
xiv.	Wildcard Points	10 points	
XV.	Participation	5 points	
xvi.	Thank You Note #2	5 points	

Possible Total: 215 points

5. Judging

- **A.** Materials turned in after the indicated deadlines may be penalized or may not be considered for competition.
- **B.** Record Book contents and other materials become the property of Nokota Horse Youth Program.
- **C.** Scores for each unit may be provided to each participant upon request. Other participants' scores will not be shared. Ranking will not be shared until the completion of the program.
- **D.** Nokota Horse Youth Program will ensure all assignments are evaluated and judged honestly, fairly, and impartially. Different evaluators will score and may provide feedback on assignments throughout the program. Scores and judges' decisions are final.

6. Rules & Regulations

A. In addition to the Nokota Horse Youth Program guidelines, participants are required to adhere to AQHA rules as stated in the current AQHA Handbook as the Nokota Horse currently doesn't have a breed specific handbook.

RECORD BOOK TABLE OF CONTENTS CHECKLIST

Check off these contents as they are completed.

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COMMUNICATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA GROUP

Communications

NHYP staff will communicate with participants on an ongoing basis. Any changes in contact information must be provided to NHYP immediately. Although staff will make every effort to communicate with participants, it is the responsibility of participants to ensure they are receiving and reading information as well as meeting program deadlines and requirements.

Questions should be directed to the Youth Department. This allows the fastest response time by any of the members of our youth team.

Youth Department 715.554.7124 Jaylew86@hotmail.com

Youth Department Staff

Jennifer Mueller, Director of Youth Development & NHYP

Social Media

Although it is not required, all members of the group are highly encouraged to interact with each other on Facebook. Program participants will be given access to a private Facebook group comprised of current and past participants, their parents, and select NHYP staff and program supporters at staff's discretion. Membership in this Facebook group is limited and requires approval. This is an excellent way to share knowledge, connect with other members, and receive reminders and updates. The name of this page is Nokota Horse Youth Program Development.

A. THANK YOU NOTE TO RANCHING HERITAGE BREEDER #1 DUE DATE FEBRUARY 5TH In 2025,

Jennifer Mueller, the program director of the Nokota Horse Youth Program has discussed the challenges young people have of purchasing a quality Nokota bred horse and young families have of entering a relatively expensive industry. Jennifer recognized the need for our equestrian world to reach out to folks who have an interest in our industry by doing something very special to help them become lifelong Nokota Horse lovers.

Jennifer decided to give away at least one quality weanling a year to young teenagers who were passionately interested and capable of caring for, starting and eventually showing those horses in AQHA, 4-H and other competitions

Nokota Horse Preservation Breeders believe in youth members like you.

As quoted, "It's not important how many of these foals we have given away. We give away quality foals, not the bottom end, and it doesn't cost us anything. The reward we receive is watching how these foals impact the lives of young people, and that's way more valuable than the price these foals would bring at auction."

These breeders believe working with this horse – the one they bred – can change your life. They want to give you the opportunity to exercise commitment, patience, work ethic and responsibility. They want you to further your education and gain knowledge. Throughout the program, you are highly encouraged to stay in regular contact with your breeder and send them updates of your progress.

It's time to say thank you to the breeder who provided you with an exceptional weanling. Whether it was donated or sold to you, your new horse comes from years of breeding and found its way to you because of a commitment to the future of the Nokota Horse.

- ➤ Write a handwritten thank you note to your weanling's breeder.
- > Put the note in an unsealed, stamped envelope addressed to the breeder.
- **Enclose that in an outer envelope and mail it to:**

Jennifer Mueller 1623 210th Ave Milltown, WI 54858

When letter is received the date you mailed the thank you note to NHYP will be logged

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2. Program Goal Describe the goals you plan to accomplish be Program. These goals may be short or long-to submit completed form to email address program.	erm goals. Use extra sheets if necessary. Please
	o skills by learning how to manage and train a ng my horse to quietly and consistently respond uture training and handling easier.
Goal 1	
Cool 2	
Goal 2	
Goal 3	
Goal 4	
Goal 5	

3. MONTHLY REPORTS

DUE THE 5TH OF EVERY MONTH

Each month, complete and submit a monthly report consisting of three pieces: a horsemanship report; a photo of your horse; a completed progress survey. Reports are due by the fifth of the following month.

Month		Report Due Date
0	January	February 5 th
0	February	March 5 th
0	March	April 5 th
0	April	May 5 th
0	May	June 5 th
0	June	July 5 th
0	July	August 5 th
0	August	September 5th

Monthly Report Requirements:

- 1. Horsemanship Report Using the form on the next page (or a similar Excel spreadsheet), detail your training, health care, grooming, and other activities. Please do not record time spent feeding and watering your horse or cleaning its stall or pen.
 - o If you choose to not use the provided template, you are responsible for capturing all the information being asked for on the template.
- 2. Photo Submit a clear full body profile photo of your horse. Monthly photos should be a complete profile view of your horse. You should be able to see each leg and hoof and the entire length of your horse's body from nose to tail.
 - HEIC file type photos are not accepted. These typically come from uploading directly from an Apple device.
- 3. Progress Survey Using the form on the following page, answer each prompt with a few detailed sentences or a brief paragraph.

These items should be submitted to NHYP in the appropriate monthly report via email and or mailed.

HORSEMANSHIP REPORT

Make additional copies of this page if needed. Be sure to keep copies for your records. Please record total number of hours at the end of the report.

example of this report will be provided upon request to NHYP director.
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NAME:

HORSEMENSHIP REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF:

DATE	TIME (hrs)	DISCRIPTION OF WORK

TOTAL HOURS WORKED:

PROGRESS SURVEY

NAMI	E:ESS SURVEY FOR THE MONTH OF:
	How would you rank your satisfaction with your progress this month? (circle one) Very Dissatisfied A. Dissatisfied B. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied C. Satisfied D. Very Satisfied
2.	In a brief paragraph, please summarize your month with your horse. Tell us about your successes and/or challenges.
3.	Would you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I am on track to reach my program goals." (circle one) a. Agree b. Disagree
4.	Please explain your answer to the previous question.
5.	How is your horse's health? (i.e., nutrition/body condition, veterinary care, farrier care, soundness, etc.) What questions do you have? Is there anything you'd like more information on to help your horse stay healthy?
6.	Is there any part of your training that you'd like help with?
7.	Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

4. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS

DUE DATES BELOW

The report should highlight significant events regarding the care of the horse, current goals, training progress and achievements, any challenges you've incurred, as well as anything else you'd like to share. The report should provide a detailed overview of the past few months.

Each quarterly report should be typed and double spaced. Reports adequately providing an overview of the previous two or three months are typically one to two pages in length.

Progress Report

Quarter 1 (January – March) Quarter 2 (April – June) Quarter 3 (July – August)

Report Due Date

April 5th July 5th September 5th

5. VIDEO UPDATE TO RANCHING HERITAGE BREEDER DUE MAY 30TH

As we cross the halfway mark for the program year, we know the Nokota Horse Breeder who bred your horse will be interested to see and hear about your progress. Please create a video that is five minutes or less for your breeder outlining the information below:

- 1. Remember this video will be shared with your breeder, so explain this assignment and keep your video friendly and conversational.
- 2. Begin with a greeting to your breeder and/or ranch. Be sure to include your name, your horse's name, and a courteous hello to your breeder.
- 3. Footage of horse from various angles, footage of you working with horse.
- 4. Discuss current program and training projects, nutrition, next steps/goals for program and training. This is also a good time to share anything you're particularly proud of or excited about with your horse, and if you have any questions in mind that you plan to contact them with.
- 5. Closing message, including another thank you to your breeder along with an invitation for them to reach out anytime they'd like an update.

The video can be taken from a smartphone or other video recorder. Video should be uploaded to Facebook and the link to the video should be emailed to NHYP to be sent to your breeder.

6. PROFESSIONAL HORSEMAN CHECKLIST DUE JULY 31ST

Participants are required to schedule a mentoring and evaluation session with an NHYP Professional Horseman in their area. This session is intended to provide an opportunity to discuss and learn about health care, training, management and showing of the horse.

To find an NHYP Professional Horseman please contact youth director.

The Professional Horseman must complete the following checklist provided by NHYP. The Professional Horseman will then be responsible for confidentially submitting the checklist directly to the NHYP by emailing it to jaylew86@hotmail.com or by mail.

Youth participants are required to complete and submit the form on Page 19. The form should be submitted to NHYP via email and header Professional Horseman submission folder.

NOTE: This assignment requires time and coordination with your chosen Professional Horseman. You are welcome to complete this assignment at any point during the program year while being able to complete each of the required tasks on the checklist.

It is highly encouraged to contact multiple Professional Horseman at the beginning of your search. The first and primary form of contact needs to be a telephone call unless otherwise told or instructed by the Professional Horseman.

Participants are required to send a list of at least three potential NHYP Professional Horsemen and their phone numbers they plan to contact to complete this assignment by April 30th.

NOKOTA HORS YOUTH PROGRAM

PROHORSEMAN CHECKLIST

Dear NHYP Professional Horseman,

Thank you for your assistance evaluating this Young Horse Program participant. Please use your professional judgment to adjust this evaluation for safety considerations, horse/participant ability, surroundings, and environment, etc.

Please provide open and constructive feedback, which will be provided directly to NHYP as part of their program evaluation and will not be shared directly with the participant. Contact the NHYP Youth Director with questions at 715.554.7124 or jaylew86@hotmail.com

Member's Name:		AQHYA I.D. #:	
Horse's Name:		Registration #:	
To be co	mpleted by an AQHA Profess	ional Horseman:	
	•	the space at the end of the form for any additional of the Young Horse Development Program.	
General	Information:		
Yes N	The member can explain	his/her horse's pedigree.	
Yes N	The member has a goal in	n mind for how they plan to use his/her horse.	
What is h	nis/her goal?		
(Contin	nued next page)	

Parts of the Horse:

Yes No The member can identify and correctly name the parts of the horse (see figure)

THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE Knowledge of points is of great importance when making applications to register an animal with the American Quarter Horse Association. Bridge of Nose Point of Hip Nostril -Muzzle Upper Lip -Under Lip Throat Latch . Point of Shoulder - Flank Gaskin Ankle AMERICAN QUARTER ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 200, Amurallo, TX 79168

Feeding and Health:

DRY 1994 THE AREREAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

The o	verall co	ondition of the horse is (circle one): Excellent Good Thin Poor		
Comn	nents: _			
Yes	No	No The member can explain his/her feeding program for the horse.		
	Hay _			
Suppl	ements_			
	Water			
Yes	No	In your opinion, does it appear the horse's nutritional needs are being met?		
		Please use back side for additional comments		

Yes	No	The member can explain his/her horse's health program, including what they have				
	done	done and how often.				
	Vacc	Vaccinations				
		orming				
		Care				
		istry				
		th paper requirements (i.e., for transport)				
Yes	No	In your opinion, does it appear the horse's health requirements are being met?				
	Addi	tional comments:				
Exer	cise an	d Training:				
Yes		No The member can explain his/her horse's exercise program, including what				
they l	nave do	ne and how often.				
Туре	of exer	cise				
Durat	ion per	session				
		week				
Yes	No	In your opinion, does it appear the horse's requirements are being met? Additional				
	comr	ments:				
Yes	No	The member can demonstrate or explain catching his/her horse safely.				
Yes	No	The member can demonstrate or explain haltering his/her horse properly.				
Yes	No	The member can lead the horse safely at the walk.				
Yes	No	The member can lead the horse safely at the jog or trot.				
Yes	No	The member can pick up the horse's feet safely and clean the hooves. The				
condi	tion of	the horse's feet is: Excellent Good Satisfactory Poor				
Yes	No	The horse will stand tied safely.				
Yes	No The member ties his/her horse properly and safely.					
Yes	No	No The horse will load and unload in a trailer				

Show	ing:	
	nember st 15th.	is required to show his/her horse in halter, showmanship, or other in-hand class by
Yes for sh	No owman	The member has a proper understanding of how to groom and present the horse ship.
Yes	No	The horse knows how to set up properly for showmanship and halter.
Yes or hal	No ter.	The member understands how to properly fit a halter for showing in showmanship
Profe	ssional	Horseman's Comments and Recommendations:
Top th	ree pri	ority areas the youth should focus on with his/her foal:
1		
2		
3		
Addit	ional co	omments:
Profe	ssional	Horsemen's Signature:Date:

PROFESSIONAL HORSEMAN CHECKLIST

DUE DATE JULY 31ST

To be completed by youth participant: Professional Horseman's Name:______AQHA I.D. #: _____ Session Date: _____ Session Location (City, State): Tell us about the Professional Horseman who helped you (i.e., interests, horsemanship experience, industry involvement, career, etc.): List three recommendations and/or things you learned from your Professional Horseman session: 1. _____ After your evaluation with the Professional Horseman, what are the top three priority areas you are going to focus on with your horse: 1. _____ 3. ____

Competition

Participants are required to take their horse to a show by August 15th and compete in either a halter, showmanship, or other in-hand class. The show can be an AQHA, 4-H, FFA, or other local show in the participant's home state/province. The horse's placing at the show will not affect the NHYP evaluation or awards.

Essay

Participants must also complete a 500-word essay describing their experience competing with their horse.

Show Manager Authorization Report

Show management must verify the participation by signing the Show Manager Authorization Form on the following page.

Submit the completed essay and report form to NHYP via email and or mail (Head line - Competition & Show Manager Report).

AQHA YOUNG HORSE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SHOW MANAGER AUTHORIZATION FORM

Member's Name:	_AQHYA I.D. #:
Horse's Name:	Registration #:
Show Name:	
Location of Show (City, State):	
Type of Show (Novice, Introductory, Youth, Open, etc.): _	
Classes Shown:	
Show Manager's Signature:	Date:

*Note: Remember to complete 500-word essay on your competition experience (pg. 20)

Income

Tracking income will help you better understand the value of your project. Income is any money you have received as a direct result of your work with your NHYP weanling.

Expenses

It is important to understand the expenses incurred when raising and training a horse. Records must be maintained for all feed, hay, supplements, animal health, equipment and other expenses incurred after January 1st. Animal health services may include but are not limited to vaccinations, de-worming, medications, dental work, hoof care, and health certifications or paperwork. Equipment expenses may include but are not limited to purchasing of tack, barn equipment, and other items needed to train or care for the horse. Additional expenses may include expenses such as entry fees, hauling expenses, clinics, etc.

Please track your income and expenses in the table below. Record the date and description, select either income (+) or expense (-) by placing a mark in the correct box, and enter the cost for each item. An example is shown on the first line. Make additional copies of this page if needed. Be sure to keep copies for your records. Use a separate paper if needed.

NAME:			

DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSE	TOTAL COST
1/1/24	1 bag of purina growth		X	\$32.00
	TOTAL INCOME			
	TOTAL EXPENSE			
	GRAND TOTAL			

Measure your horse each month and track its growth below.

Taking Measurements

Body Length measurement is taken from the point of the shoulder to the point of the buttocks. Heart Girth measurement is taken around the midsection, immediately behind the elbow and withers.

Estimate weanling weight using this formula: (Body Length x Heart Girth x Heart Girth)/ 280 = Weight in pounds.

Estimate yearling weight using this formula: (Body Length x Heart Girth x Heart Girth)/301 = Weight in pounds.

Height measurement is taken by standing the horse squarely on all four feet with the front feet even with each other, back feet even with each other, and the horse standing naturally and squarely underneath itself. Measure from the top of the withers, down the front leg, straight to the ground.

Next, divide the total inches by 4 to calculate the number of hands. Note: A fraction of a hand is noted as the inches after the number of hands. For example, 16.1 refers to a horse that measures 16 hands plus 1 inch, or 65 inches.

See Growth Chart assignment on following page.

GROWTH CHART

NAME:	
	_

MONTH	DATE	BODY	HEARTH	WEIGHT	HEIGHT
		LENGTH (INCHES)	GIRTH (INCHES)	(POUNDS)	(HANDS)
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
TOTAL GROWTH	1 1	4 1		.1	

Describe how your horse has grown throughout the program. Were there times you	a noticed a
change in his/her growth? How did that affect your feeding program, health care d	ecisions, or
other management of the horse?	

NAME:	:	

10. PROGRAM SUMMARY INFORMATION

DUE DATE AUGUST 31ST

Use the table below to log the total amount of expenses and income you tracked throughout the duration of your project. From your monthly reports, total the time you spent on your project, and calculate the value of your labor at \$8.25 per hour.

Total income		\$
Total expenses		\$
Total revenue from project	(Income – Expense)	\$
Project duration	January 1 st – August 31st	Weeks
Hours worked	(From monthly reports)	Hours
Average hours per week	(Hours worked/Project duration)	Hours/Weeks
Average hours per month	(Hours worked/# months)	Hours/Month
Labor value	(Hours worked x \$8.25)	\$

Question 1. Share your thoughts on the summary information above. Use as much space as you need to fully answer the question.

Question 2. Based on the information above, do you feel the project was justified in terms of outcomes (tangible and intangible) and expenses? Use as much space as you need to fully answer the question.

11. NUTRITION TEST

DUE DATE TO JULY 19TH

A vital part of managing any horse is appropriately meeting their nutritional needs. Needs may vary greatly based on the individual's life stage, exercise regimen, health, and other factors. As part of the Nokota Horse Youth Program, you will be tested on your knowledge and understanding of nutrition and its effect on your weanling.

The test will be provided to you following the nutrition webinar (the date for the nutrition webinar will be announced via email shortly after the program begins), along with a list of reference sources. The test must be completed in AQHU by the time and date provided.

12. VIDEO OF IN-HAND TRAIL COURSE

DUE DATE AUGUST 31ST

You will be provided with a trail pattern to perform with your horse. To successfully complete the obstacles, you'll need to work with your horse over a period of time and teach him/her the individual elements of the course. As with any trail course, your horse's performance will be judged on the performance of the horse over obstacles (according to AQHA show rules; SHW461), with emphasis on manners, response to the handler, and accuracy. Horses will receive credit for attentiveness to the obstacles, and should work through the course in a relaxed, obedient manner with safety and responsiveness being paramount at all times.

The trail obstacles you use should accurately represent the pattern as shown. They may include commonly found trail items such as poles, a gate, a bridge, and cones. Practicing with these obstacles over a period of time will be important to your horse's success when performing the course on video. If you do not have access to the proper obstacles, you are encouraged to make arrangements to borrow them. If you have questions, please contact jaylew86@hotmail.com

The video can be from a smartphone or other video recorder. The pattern should be recorded in one continuous take and should not be edited together from multiple clips.

The video should be uploaded to Facebook and labeled In-Hand Trail Course. Videos should be emailed as well.

13. ASSIGNMENTS

DUE DATES WILL VARY AQHA

will request your participation in three additional assignments throughout the program. These will be shared with you by email, along with a clear explanation of requirements, possible points per assignment, and a due date.

This is our chance to provide opportunities specifically to enrich your experience throughout the year. Assignments may be selected in response to the strengths and weaknesses seen as the program progresses.

Wildcard points are your chance to take the reins on something additional you'd like to share with us. This can take many forms, and we look forward to seeing what you submit. Have fun with this and know that creativity and effort will be rewarded!

Wildcard ideas include, but are not limited, to:

- A video of your horse performing a skill or trick not otherwise demonstrated in the program. Include a brief talk explaining how you taught the horse the skill or trick.
- Arrange to be a guest speaker and share your NHYP experience at a school, 4-H club, FFA chapter, Boy Scout or Girl Scout club, school classroom, or community event. Video the presentation or send photos with captions, plus the notes or outline of your speaking points.
- A photo series of an experience you had with your weanling. Did you take him/her somewhere fun, have a special guest at the barn, learn something really impactful, or do something interesting with him/her? Be sure to caption the photos.
- A creative essay about your experience with your horse, and what you think your future holds.

Wildcard assignments should be submitted to email. Only one submission (or topic) will be counted towards the wildcard assignment, but it may contain multiple pieces (i.e., multiple photographs, slide show with videos and photos, essay with photos). A maximum of 10 wildcard points will be awarded.

15. PARTICIPATION

Participation and dedication to the program will be rewarded. Participation points will be awarded to participants at staff's discretion.

Examples of opportunities to earn participation points may include but are not limited to: exceptional achievement with an assignment (going above and beyond requirements), demonstration of a positive attitude, regular communication with breeder and/or staff, active engagement on the group Facebook page, assistance and encouragement to other participants, service and representation of NHYP.

16. THANK YOU NOTE TO RANCHING HERITAGE BREEDER # 2 DUE DATE AUGUST 31ST

Just as you did at the beginning of the program, it's time to say thank you to your horse's breeder. This time, include a printed photo of you with your horse. Additionally, please share with them an existing video assignment (see instructions below).

- 1. Write a handwritten thank you note to your weanling's breeder.
- 2. Enclose a photo of you with your horse.
- 3. Put the note in an unsealed, stamped envelope addressed to the breeder.
- 4. Enclose that in an outer envelope and mail it to:

Jennifer Mueller 1623 210th Ave Milltown, WI 54858

- 5. Your thank you letter will be logged once received
- 6. Email NHYP the link to an existing video assignment (i.e., In-Hand Trail video or another completed video assignment) and it will be sent to your breeder. This email must also be sent by August 31st.

If program candidate fails to comply with the rules set forth they will be released from the program and the foal will be returned to the breeder from which it came and another candidate will be given the opportunity of the program. Any and all financials (Vet care, feed, farrier, etc) incurred during the period of this program is solely the candidate's responsibility and no reimbursement will be given as the foal is the breeders property until program is completed in its entirety.

Please keep in mind that we are basing this program off an existing one that is still currently in use as the Nokota Horse is working on creating there own program.

Thank You!