



NEW JERSEY 4-H HORSE HEALTH INFORMATION FORM

Complete a separate form for each project animal. Keep a copy & all documentation with you at all 4-H horse events.

Member Information

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| Animal's Registered Name: | |
| Animal's Barn Name: | |
| 4-H Member Name: | |
| Street Address: | Phone: |
| Club Name: | County Name: |

Veterinarian Information

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| Name of Veterinarian: | |
| Clinic/Group Name: | |
| Street Address: | Phone: |

Because the health of your project animal—and the animals it may come into contact with—is a top priority, certain tests and vaccinations are required by the State of NJ and/or the 4-H program. The timeframes listed in parentheses indicate the number of months before the State 4-H Horse Show each vaccination must be administered to remain valid for that event.

****ALL REMAINING PORTIONS OF THIS FORM ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN****

Required Tests/Vaccinations

| Required Test/Vaccination | Date Administered |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Negative Coggins Test (within 12 months) | |
| 2. Eastern Encephalitis (within 12 months) | |
| 3. Tetanus (within 12 months) | |
| 4. Rabies (within 12 months) | |
| 5. West Nile Virus (within 12 months) | |
| 6. Equine Influenza (within 6 months) | |
| 7. Equine Herpesvirus/Rhino (6 months) | |

Required Henneke Body Condition Score (BCS) Assessment

Assign a Body Condition Score (1–9) using the Henneke system, assessed through visual observation and palpation. A full scoring guide is printed on the reverse side of this form. **Half-point scores will be accepted using .5 increments (e.g., 4.5).*

BCS: _____ (taken from the scoring guide on the back of this form)

Veterinarian Certification

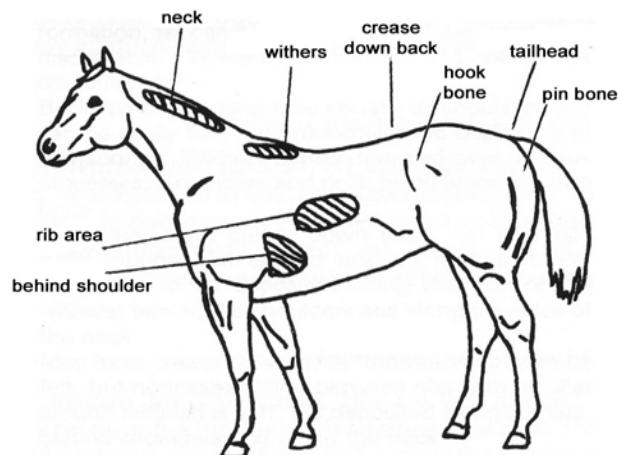
I, _____ (printed name of licensed veterinarian), certify that I have administered all required vaccinations listed above and have evaluated the project animal's current health status.

Veterinarian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

HENNEKE BODY CONDITION SCORE SHEET

☐ VISUAL or ☐ HANDS-ON ASSESSMENT

COMMENTS: _____



modified from Henneke et al. EVJ 1983;15:371-372

OVERALL BODY CONDITION SCORE: _____ ÷ 6 = _____
sum total overall score

(Circle descriptions for each area of the body, then average together)

| Condition | Neck | Withers | Shoulder | Ribs | Back | Tailhead Area |
|---|------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1 Poor (extremely emaciated) | Bone structure easily noticeable | Bone structure easily noticeable | Bone structure easily noticeable | Ribs projecting prominently | Spinous processes projecting prominently | Tailhead, pinbones, and hook bones projecting prominently |
| NO FATTY TISSUE CAN BE FELT | | | | | | |
| 2 Very Thin (emaciated) | Bone structure faintly discernible | Bone structure faintly discernible | Bone structure faintly discernible | Ribs prominent | Slight fat covering over base of spinous processes. Transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded. Spinous processes are prominent | Tailhead prominent Pin bones prominent Hook bones prominent |
| 3 Thin | Neck accentuated | Withers accentuated | Shoulder accentuated | Slight fat cover over ribs. Ribs easily discernible | Fat buildup halfway on spinous processes, but easily discernible. Traverse processes cannot be felt | Tailhead prominent but individual vertebrae cannot be visually identified. Hook bones appear rounded, but are still easily discernible. Pin bones not distinguishable |
| 4 Moderately Thin | Neck not obviously thin | Withers not obviously thin | Shoulder not obviously thin | Faint outline of ribs discernible | Negative crease (peaked appearance) along back | Prominence depends on conformation. Fat can be felt. Hook bones not discernible |
| 5 Moderate | Neck blends smoothly into body | Withers rounded over spinous processes | Shoulder blends smoothly into body | Ribs cannot be visually distinguished, but can be easily felt | Back is level | Fat around tailhead beginning to feel spongy |
| 6 Moderately Fleshy | Fat beginning to be deposited | Fat beginning to be deposited | Fat beginning to be deposited behind shoulder | Fat over ribs feels spongy | May have a slight positive crease (a groove) down back | Fat around tailhead feels soft |
| 7 Fleshy | Fat deposited along neck | Fat deposited along withers | Fat deposited behind shoulder | Individual ribs can be felt, but noticeable fat filling between ribs | May have a positive crease down the back | Fat around tailhead is soft |
| 8 Fat | Noticeable thickening of neck | Area along withers filled with fat | Area behind shoulder filled with fat | Difficult to feel ribs | Positive crease down back | Fat around tailhead very soft |
| 9 Extremely Fat | Bulging fat | Bulging fat | Bulging fat | Patchy fat appearing over ribs | Obvious crease down back Flank filled with fat | Bulging fat around tailhead |

Adapted from: Henneke Body Condition Score Sheet, prepared by A. Kane, USDA APHIS (11/21/17). Used with modification