



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

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

Veterinarian Information

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.

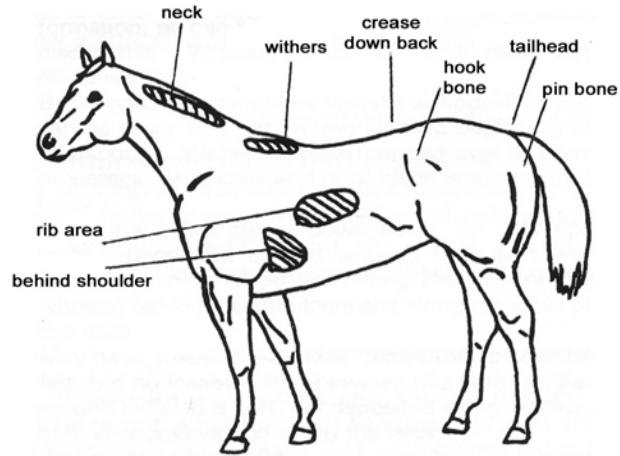
Veterinarian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

HENNEKE BODY CONDITION SCORE SHEET

VISUAL or HANDS-ON ASSESSMENT

COMMENTS: _____

OVERALL BODY CONDITION SCORE: _____ $\div 6 =$ _____
 sum total overall score



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

(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