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*Section 1—Educational Opportunities for Horse Owners

Attached is a form for 3 major educational programs. These are the Mare/Foal, Performance Horse and Basic Horse Management Workshops. They are ready to xerox and place at local feed stores, tack suppliers and other horse related businesses in your county.

*Section 2—Program Topics, Ideas, Activities in other Counties

*Section 3—The 4-H Horse Project

CEA's please xerox this entire section and give to your key adult leaders. This is important information on opportunities, deadlines and required paperwork that needs to be distributed at 4-H Horse Projects meetings. All 4-H leaders, members and families need this information.

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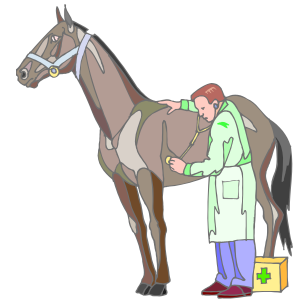
Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University Systems, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Foal Clinic/Denton County

January 25, the annual Denton County Foal Clinic will be put on by the Extension Horse Committee. Planned via leadership from **CEA Rebecca Parker**, this day-long clinic will include presentations

on several interesting topics. Speakers include farm managers, veterinarians and nutritionists, plus a tour of internationally recognized Valor Farm. This clinic routinely attracts well over 100

horseowners. It begins at 8:30 a.m. For directions and other information, contact Rebecca Parker at: (940) 349-2880 or r-parker@tamu.edu.



7th TAMU Mare/Foal Workshop—February

February 18, the 7th annual TAMU Mare/Foal Workshop will be held at Texas A&M. A **registration form is included in this newsletter, and on the web at <http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu>**.

The workshop will be held at the Louis Pearce Pavilion and Animal Science Department's Horse Center. This location will allow for hands-on approach to some of the workshop topics. Mare owners will be able to gain experience using the body condition scoring system, with

mares on hand for scoring and discussion. Weight estimation and broodmare nutrition will be covered. Forage selection and hay quality will be included.

Basic reproductive function, estrus detection and teasing, and signs of foaling will be discussed or demonstrated. Health care and restraint of mares, as well as foal handling and neonatal care will be covered.

The workshop includes information on moderate vs. rapid growth and determining acceptable feeds for

foals, weanlings and yearlings.

Additional topics will be an overview of the social and economic importance of the Texas horse industry, and resource material related to horse theft awareness and prevention. A freeze branding demonstration is planned.

This day-long workshop is designed for mare owners. It is not intended to be a breeder's school and will focus much more on mare management than on breeding procedures. The informa-

tion should be useful for the mare owner, regardless of the number of mares they own or manage.

Instruction will be provided by equine faculty from both the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Equine Sciences section of the Animal Science Department.

You must pre-register to attend the workshop which includes printed materials, refreshment breaks and noon meal.

Contact Pete Gibbs, or Martha Vogelsang for more information.

We're On The Web!

<http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu/>

Some fun helpful info!

Equus America

In 2003, Equus America, a John Lyons production, will be held in two locations across the U.S., Kansas City and Houston.

Texas Cooperative Extension and the Equine Science Section have been invited to give 3 presentations at the Houston event on February 6 and 7, when participants can attend lectures, demonstrations and a trade show. We'll also have a booth in the trade show.

Equus America will also host "Equus Extreme" made up of top competitors in 8 different disciplines. According to Associate Producer Karen McIntosh, who works with nationally known horseman and Executive Producer John Lyons, that specialty event has a purse of \$150,000. So, top competitors in Jumping, Cutting, Reining, Dressage, Saddle Seat, Barrel Racing, Working Cow Horse and

Trail will all compete for the title of "Equus Extreme."

The Houston event will also host the United States Olympic Equestrian Team's Reining Trials, which is quite impressive in its own right. What's more, evening entertainment will include performances by Arabian Nights Theater (Florida) and Walter Farley's famous Black Stallion.

Equus America sounds like it has something for just about everybody interested in horses. For more information, go to www.equusamerica.com, or contact Maureen Fahrenholz at (937) 847-9350 or Maureen@equusamerica.com. Another contact is Karen McIntosh at (208) 888-7995 or Karen@equusamerica.com.

B.I.G. Horse Short Course

January 25th, 2003 the horse program at Brentwood Farms in Waco will focus on Performance Horse selection based on Genetics and Pedigree, estimating body weight and condition scores, starting the young horse

and the body position when riding the performance horses. A demonstration by Jack Branard and Glen Heiney will highlight the event. Organized by CEA Donald Kelm and the Texas Cooperative Extension, this

is on of those good programs to kick off the New Year. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. And runs until 3:00 p.m. Contact CEA Donald Kelm in McLennan County at (254) 757-5180 for more information



TAMU Performance Horse Owner Workshops—March 18

Horse owners can attend a day long workshop on March 18 focused on management, care and use of riding horses.

Basic management tools such as body condition scoring and weight estimation will be demonstrated. Both

have direct application to the regular assessment and management of performance horses.

Nutrition will include hay selection and use, evaluating feed tags in making feed purchasing decisions, and latest information on fat-supplemented feeds as

related to fatigue and thermal regulation.

On board heart rate monitors will be placed on horses to give participants real insight into the effects of exercise on level of fitness, work load, fatigue and recovery.

Attached is a pre-

registration form for these new workshops serving performance horse owners.

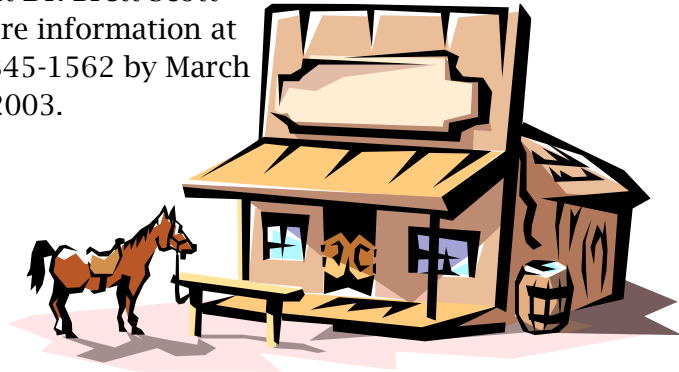
A form is also available on the web at <http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu>.

Contact Brett Scott at 979-845-1562 before March 7th, 2003.

Basic Horse Management 101 Workshop—March 25

Just getting started? This workshop may be for you. New horse owners are coming into this industry everyday. These new comers need information on facilities, pastures, exercise areas, feeding management, health care and what to do when. Answers to many of the questions a new horse owner might have will be provided at this workshop on March 25th, 2003. Attached is a pre-registration form. Participants will

receive printed material, refreshments and a catered bar-b-que lunch. Contact Dr. Brett Scott for more information at (979) 845-1562 by March 14th, 2003.



The Texas Thoroughbred Convention—January 18th

The Texas Thoroughbred Association’s annual conference will be in Austin on January 18. Educational presentations and panel discussions will focus on topics of interest to

breeders, owners, trainers and managers of racebred horses. Contact the Texas Thoroughbred Association at (512-458-6133 to get registration information.

31st Summer Horsemanship School Program

The following counties already made early requests for either a two-day or three-day-long school for 2003:

Anderson	Kerr	Coleman
Somervell	Harris	Walker
Haskell	Williamson	Kendall
Orange	Montgomery	Hardin

Request forms are attached in this newsletter. Counties have until January 31 to request a school.

Note to CEAs:
 The State 4-H Horse Committee decided to move the 4-H futurity horse project nomination deadline from march 15 to April 1. This gives your office from April 1 to April 5 to complete the Summary sheet and get everything mailed to the Horse Specialists’ office. The change was made, realizing that many of you are still out of the office at major stock shows. Hopefully this helps!

In the past 30 summers a total of 1,044 horsemanship schools have reached just over 38,500 youth, parents and volunteer leaders. They have been taught by 166

Calendar of Events—2003

Horseowner & Producer Programs

Date	Program/Activity	Contact
January 11	Texas Quarter Horse Association Annual Meeting—Austin	TQHA 800-945-6157
January 14	Austin Co. Performance Horse Owner Program—Bellville	CEA Phillip Shackelford
January 18	Texas Equestrian Trail Riders Association Meeting—TAMU	Teresa Chipman 979-845-1301
January 18	Texas Thoroughbred Association Convention—Austin	TTA 512-458-6133
January 23	Sam Houston Race park Owner's Meeting—Houston	Pete Gibbs 979-845-1562
January 25	B.I.G. Horse Shortcourse— McClennan Co.	CEA Donald Kelm 254-757-5180
January 25	Denton Co. Foal Clinic—Denton Co.	CEA Rebecca Parker
February 5	Texas Farm Bureau Horse Commodity Meeting—San Antonio	TFB 254-751-2667
February 6	San Augustine Co. Horse Owner Meeting	CEA Jerry Nickerson 936-275-
February 6-9	Equus America—Reliant Arena—Houston	www.equusamerica.com
February 11-	TAMU Co-sponsored Feed Industry Workshop—ADM/Moorman	Pete Gibbs 979-845-1562
February 13	Rusk Co. Horse Owner Meeting—Rusk Co.	CEA Blaine Jernigan 903-657-
February 18	7th TAMU Mare/Foal Workshop—TAMU	Pete Gibbs 979-845-1562
February 28	Tx Chapter Am. Soc. Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers—Abilene	Brenda Duckworth 940-552-9941
March 18	2nd TAMU Performance Horse Owner Workshop—TAMU	Brett Scott 979-845-1562
March 25	2nd Basic Horse Management 101 Workshop—TAMU	Brett Scott 979-845-1562
April 1	Deadline for 4-H Futurity Project Nominations to CEA Office	CEA Office
April 10	4 County Horse Nutrition & Theft Awareness Program—Hardin County	CEA Charles Neill 409-246-5128
April 14	Shelby County Horse Nutrition & Theft Awareness Program—Center	CEA James Greer 936-598-7744
June 30	Feed Industry Workshop—Cargill Animal Nutrition	Pete Gibbs 979-845-1562

2003 Equine Workshops - Texas A&M University College Station, Texas



7th Annual Mare/Foal Management Workshop

February 18th, 2003

Where: Pearce Pavilion
When: 8:00 am Registration
Pre-Registration: by February 7th, 2003
Topics:

Broodmare Nutrition
Body Condition Scoring
Weight Estimation
Reproductive Function
Estrus Detection & Testing
Signs of Foaling
Health Care & Restraint
Forage Selection & Hay Quality
Moderate vs. Rapid Foal Growth
Selecting Good Feeds for Foals
Foal Handling & Neonatal Care
Equine Dentistry
Economic Impact of Industry
Horse Theft Awareness & Prevention

Cost: \$ 30.00 per person includes refreshments,
noon meal and all printed materials.

Contact: Dr. Pete Gibbs
Phone: 979-845-1562

2nd Annual Performance Horse Owners Workshop

March 18th, 2003

Where: Pearce Pavilion
When: 8:00 am Registration
Pre-Registration: by March 7th, 2003
Topics:

Body Condition Scoring
Estimating Body Weight
Deworming & Immunizations
Hay Selection and Use
Feeding the Performance Horse
Equine Dentistry
Basic Conditioning Principles
Heart Rate Monitors Demonstrations
Horse Theft Awareness and Prevention
Featured Training Demonstration

Cost: \$ 30.00 per person includes refreshments,
noon meal and all printed materials.

Contact: Dr. Brett Scott
Phone: 979-845-1562

2nd Annual Basic Horse Management 101 March 25th, 2003

Where: Pearce Pavilion
When: 8:00 am Registration
Pre-Registration: by March 14th, 2003

Topics:

Body Condition Scoring
Estimating Body Weight
General Health & Immunizations
Hay & Grass Selection and Use
Selection of Trailers
General Nutrition
Feeding Management
Basic Safety
Stalls, Flooring & Paddock Design
Horse Theft Awareness & Prevention
Featured Training Demonstration

Cost: \$ 30.00 per person includes refreshments,
noon meal and all printed materials.

Contact: Dr. Brett Scott
Phone: 979-845-1562

Registration Form

Please Indicate Your Choice(s)

- Mare/Foal Management - \$ 30.00
 Performance Horse Owners Workshop - \$ 30.00
 Basic Horse Management 101 - \$ 30.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____ **Phone:** () _____

Email: _____

____ clinic(s) x \$30.00/Clinic=_____

One Registration Form per Person

Attach check made payable to Account # 229202.

Mail to: Ms. Mary Ellen Maeker
249 Kleberg Center
2471 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2471
Phone: 979-845-1562

County-Wide Programs on Theft Prevention

In 2002, there were 52 CEAs in 47 counties involved in 61 educational endeavors related to horse theft awareness. The combination of meetings, exhibits, demonstrations and distribution of subject matter resulted in direct contact with over 4,600 horse owners and industry persons. Radio and news print reached well over 5,000 additional people. The following CEAs and counties were involved:

<u>CEA</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>CEA</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>CEA</u>	<u>County</u>
Andy Stewart	Archer	Rebecca Parker	Denton	Trish Jones	Knox
Phillip	Austin	Duane Overton	Erath	Mike Mallett	Lampasas
Rene Mosqueda	Bexar	Joe Pope	Erath	Shannon DeForest	Lavaca
Larry Miles	Brazoria	Joe Roach	Franklin	Ron Holcomb	Liberty
Jack Hunter	Brazos	Ricky Maxwell	Fannin	Doug Andrews	McLennan
Logan Boswell	Brewster/Jeff Davis	Corrie Bowen	Galveston	Mike Heimer	Montgomery
Greg Gruben	Borden	Greg Jones	Garza	Jackie Risner	Nacogdoches
Scott Anderson	Brown	Danny Phillips	Hamilton	Jon Green	Parker
Robert Pritz	Callahan	Charles Niell	Hardin	Robert Devin	Randall
Mike McCown	Chambers	Jeff Prokop	Harris	Dennis Poole	Scurry
Jack White	Cherokee	Sara Allen	Hunt	James Greer	Shelby
Kyle Miller	Clay	Ricky Thompson	Jasper	Brian Triplett	Smith
Eddie Baggs	Collin	Starla Garlick	Jefferson	Hugh Soape	Tyler
Bernard Mitchell	Colorado	Rogelio Mercado	Jim Wells	Joe Janak	Victoria
Bob Whitney	Comanche	Carrie Sharp	Kaufman	Larry Pearce	Washington
Lyle Zoeller	Coryell	Ralph Davis	Kaufman	Tobe Oliphant	Washington
		Dale Brandenberger	Kimble	Joe Raff	Wichita
		Frank Escobedo	Kleberg-Kenedy		
		John Ford	Kleberg-Kenedy		

CEAs Mike Heimer (Montgomery) and Lyle Zoeller (Coryell) hosted the 5th and 6th Law Enforcement Trainings. Two locations/year have been selected in each of the past 3 years. Special thanks to these two men for all their work. These two trainings for law enforcement reached 72 officers from 24 different counties.

Theft awareness education at 52 additional locations reached another 3,099 participants at these Specialty Programs/Activities:

International Livestock Congress	6th TAMU Mare/Foal Workshop
The Race Horse Conference at Sam Houston Park	1st TAMU Performance Horse Workshop
Horse Theft Awareness Advisory Committee Mtg.	1st TAMU New Horse Owner Workshop
Martindale Feed Mill Dealer Symposium	30th Summer Horsemanship School Program—38 counties
Meridian Vet Clinic Horsemen's Workshop and Tour	Cargill International Equine Nutrition Workshop
State 4-H Horse Judging Contest	40th Texas State 4-H Horse Show
National Inst. Of Animal Agriculture's Equine ID Conf.	Animal Science 201: Introduction to Horses

Overall, the 2002 Horse Theft Educational Initiative resulted in 106 direct contacts with 7,728 adult and youth horse industry participants from 85 counties, plus thousands more reached via radio and news

print. If your county had an educational effort related to theft awareness and prevention in 2002, and was not included , above, please email that information to p-gibbs@tamu.edu.

What's New for 2003?

After 5 full years of education geared toward legislation related to Horse Theft Protection, 2003 will see the start of a Recognition Process for those CEAs who are playing a significant role in education related to theft awareness and for the horse industry overall. Plans are underway to

begin recognizing CEAs at one of the three Specialty Workshops on the A&M campus.

If you are planning any education in the theft awareness area for the new year, please call or email with expected dates and any resource needs you might have.

Educational Resources for CEAs, County Extension Horse Committees and 4-H Horse Project Leaders

The Website—<http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu>.

Go here and click on the horse. You'll find lots of horse related

publications, registration forms for upcoming programs, even this newsletter. Later in the year, you'll find things such as the

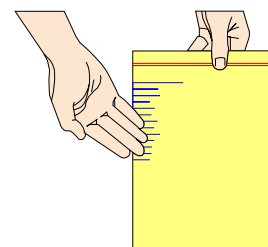
schedule of events for the 2003 State 4-H Horse Show, as well as the revised Rules and Regulations for Horse Shows.



The Judges' List—Contact Horse Specialists Office

Not really 'the list', but there is a list of some 40 people who are past members of the TAMU Collegiate Horse Judging Team

and who indicated that they are available to judge county and open horse shows. Most of them currently reside in Texas.



Printed Materials—Publication & Supply Distribution

Whether it's the Texas Horse Owner's Reference Guide, individual nutrition publications, horse theft awareness

and permanent identification fact sheets, or 4-H judging and quiz bowl guides, chances are you can get it

from Publication & Supply Distribution, P.O. Box 1209, Bryan, TX 77806-1209.

2003 Texas 4-H Horse Rules & Regulations—AS 3-2.043

Currently being type-set. Once copy will go to each CEA office for copying and distribution to your county 4-H horse project members.

It will also be on the website at <http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu>. Expect it to be available by March.



Calendar of Events—In this Newsletter

There are 2 calendars in this newsletter, at the end of section 1 and section 3. Be sure your 4-H leaders and families get all of sec-

tion 3 along with the calendar of events. This will answer lots of questions and help them plan for the new year.



Certifying 4-H Horse Projects & Nominating 4-H Futurity Horses

Key dates are **April 1, April 5 and May 1**. All 4-Hers nominating young horses for the Futurity project must get these in to the CEA office by **April 1**. CEAs have until **April 5** to attach nominations to a summary sheet and mail to Horse Specialists office.

All other horse projects must be certified by May 1. The certification form, futurity nomination form and summary sheet are all found in Section 3 of this newsletter. Please call or email us if you have any questions on the procedures.

To: County 4-H Horse Project Leaders

From: Your County Extension Office

The new year is here, and there are many opportunities for 4-Hers in the horse project. There are also some important deadlines and paperwork requirements for nominating young horses to the Texas 4-H Futurity horse program, and for certifying all other horses as projects for the current year.

This summer of 2003 marks the 31st anniversary for Texas Extension's Summer Horsemanship School Program. If our county intends to host a two-day or three-day school, we have until January 31 to make a formal request.

The Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations, Publication AS3-2.043 is being revised for 2003 and a copy will be in our County Extension office by March at the latest. Some of the more significant rules which you need to know about are included in this letter. These rules are revised annually and apply to :

- 1) all County shows related to District show qualification
- 2) Our District 4-H Horse Show and
- 3) The State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene.

The rules will also be available on the internet at <http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu>.

Also, the calendar of events is included which lists dates for judging contests, State Roundup Horse contests, and the 41st Texas State 4-H Horse Show.

Contact our office for information on other county-wide 4-H horse project activities and dates. In the meantime, as adult leaders involved with the horse project, please see that the information in this letter is shared with 4-Hers at the first two or three horse project meetings of 2003.

Horse Project Certification Deadlines

*April 1—Deadline for Nominating yearlings, two-year-olds and three-year-olds for the Texas 4-H Futurity Horse Program. Categories include yearling halter, yearling longe line, two-year-old western pleasure and three-year-old stock horse. This date used to be March 15, it is now April 1. This is an absolute deadline for nominations turned into the county office.

The futurity project is intended for older, more experienced 4-Hers who have acquired the skills necessary to manage, handle and train a young horse. There is no minimum 4-H age requirement in 2003, but in 2004, all 4-Hers who nominate futurity projects will have to be 12 years old or older.

Horses **must be owned solely** by the 4-Her, their parent, brother, sister, grandparent or legal guardian by April 1. Futurity horses **must also be in the 4-Her's management and care** by April 1, and must remain under their management and care until the project is completed at the State 4-H Horse Show. **No loaned, leased, borrowed or rented horses allowed.**

To nominate a young horse, complete the attached form and turn in with a \$10 nomination fee to the County office no later than April 1. **Absolutely no late nominations will be accepted.** Read the form carefully regarding rules. If the horse is registered, a copy of the papers should be stapled to the nomination form. If the horse is not registered (grade), a Grade Horse ID certificate must also be completed (Attached) and stapled to the nomination. The county office will attach all nominations to a County Summary Sheet (Attached), which is completed by the Extension Agent, before mailing to the State Horse Specialists office not later than April 5.

***May 1—Deadline for Certifying all other 4-H Horse Projects in order to be eligible for District and/or State 4-H Horse Shows.**

Horses must be owned by the 4-Her, their parent, brother, sister, grandparent or legal guardian. No loaned, leased, borrowed or rented horses allowed.

Complete Attachment #4, listing all horses to be carried as a project, by May 1. The County office cannot and will not certify any horse projects after May 1.

Futurity projects, even though already nominated by April 1, should also be included on this form. This '4-H member and Project Horse(s) Eligibility Certification form' is kept on file in the County Office as a permanent record. When completing the form, attach a copy of the horse's papers or a Grade Horse ID form before turning the form into the County office.

Summer Horsemanship Schools

Last year, schools reached 1,018 4-Hers, parents, parents & adult leaders in 38 counties. This summer will make the 31st consecutive year that the program has been offered. These schools are taught by college-aged students and are designed to help 4-Hers achieve more with their existing horse project. The schools are hands-on where 4-Hers bring their horses and participate in lengthy riding sessions that follow short demonstrations.

Two-day long schools are still \$550 and three-day long schools are still \$750. A county may have up to 30 riders. Attachments #5 & #6 are request forms. The county has until January 31 to request a school for late May or through the month of June.

3 Specialty Workshops Offered

Parents of 4-H members may benefit from 3 day-long workshops at Texas A&M on February 18, March 18 and March 25. The workshops are for owners who need information on Mare/Foal Management, Performance Horses or Basic Horse Management. Attachment #7 is a workshop registration form. Pick the one you'd like to attend, or come to all three!

4-H Roping Schools

The annual Team Roping School is in early June in Lleveland. Contact Hockley CEA Kathryn McCulloch at (806) 894-3159 for details and pre-registration.

The State 4-H Calf Roping School is June 15-20 in Stephenville. Contact Brown CEA Scott Anderson at (915) 646-0386 for pre-registration.

Public Speaking Contest Coming to Texas

Beginning in 2003, a Statewide Horse Public Speaking Contest will be held in conjunction with the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. This contest will be conducted in Abilene, TX during the month of July and will be open to any **SENIOR** 4-H member. This is an individual event and the winners will be eligible to represent Texas at other regional and national 4-H horse public speaking contests. Specific rules and guidelines will be available in the very near future. The deadline for entries to be in the State Horse Extension office will be June 20th, 2003. So mark your calendars to be in Abilene in July to compete in the Statewide 4-H Horse Public Speaking Contest. For more information, call Dr. Brett Scott at 979-845-1562.

Texas State 4-H Rules and Regulations

All 4-Hers and family members with youth who show at County, District or State levels will benefit from access to the rules and regulations. The 2003 rule book will be sent to the County office by March. It can also be found on two web-sites. They are <http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu> and <http://texaserc.tamu.edu>. The 2002 version will remain on both web-sites, until the revised 2003 rules are posted. Here are some of the more significant general rules and some changes that everybody needs to be familiar with:

- 1) All 4-H horses must be owned by the 4-Her, their parents, brother, sister, grandparents or legal guardian. (See Rulebook, page 2) This includes Drill and Precision Team horses as well. (Page 40) No leased horses. See hardship rule regarding Drill and Precision horses (Page 3).
- 2) At District and State shows, a horse may be ridden by only one 4-Her in the qualifying portion of the show, and by only one 4-Her in the open portion of the show. However, the same horse may be shown by one 4-Her in the qualifying show and by another 4-Her in the open show, provided that the 4-Hers are siblings, the ownership requirements are met, and the horse has been properly identified as a 4-H project by both siblings. Futurity horses may never be ridden by more than one person. (Rulebook, page 3).
- 3) At the discretion of the county horse show committee, a 4-H member may be allowed to change horses between county and district shows, provided all horses involved meet ownership requirements. It is recommended that, in hardship cases, this substitution be allowed.

Under no circumstances will horses be changed during a district show, and no change of horses will be allowed from district to state in the qualifying show. A change of horses may be allowed for the open classes, provided the horse was properly owned and identified on or before May 1. (Rulebook, page 3).

- 4) Qualifying for State—All exhibitors earning 1 or more points in the Qualifying portion of the district show shall be eligible for Qualifying show classes at State. They may then enter a total of 4 qualifying show classes at the State show. (Rulebook, page 5).
- 5) In judged classes (excluding futurities), horses may be ridden with a curb, spade or half-breed bit. Split reins must be used and held in one hand with no more than one finger between reins. If a romal is used, fingers between reins are not permitted. If a 4-Her chooses to exhibit a futurity project horse in qualifying classes such as western pleasure or horsemanship, those horses must be shown one-handed in a curb bit. However, since the futurity project is available, extended use of 2- and 3-year-old horses in qualifying show classes is discouraged, simply due to the immature state of such horses (page 9).
- 6) Trail—for 5th year now, it is an Open Class at State Show (Rulebook, page 33). In the prelims, the gate is obstacle #1. Exhibitors have 30 seconds to open and pass through the gate (Rulebook, page 34). The gate is optional in the finals.
- 7) Team roping—a 4-Her enters as an individual and may enter only once. The partner can be any 4-Her who also is entered in the Team roping. A 4-Her may help as many times as desired. Points will be awarded only to the person entered, not the helper. Teams receiving a time in the first go will progress to the final go. Duplicate awards presented to top placing teams overall (Rulebook, page 22).
- 8) In All Roping Classes—any unruly horse or horse considered unsafe to either the contestant or the arena help may be dismissed from the competition. Horses are expected to be able to enter the box and wait for the barrier to be set. Decisions on such matters are made by show management in charge of the roping events and are not subject to protest (Pages 21 and 22).
- 9) The reining patterns in the 2002 rulebook are being revised for 2003. New patterns 1 & 2 have been revised and may be useful for some county shows, and may be used at State Show as a 'qualifier pattern' to determine riders advancing to the finals. Finals patterns will be #3-9 and will be consistent with NRHA patterns in most cases.
- 10) High Point Hunter Horseman—To be eligible, must place in one fence and one flat class.
High Point Timed Division — To be eligible, must place in at least 2 tuned event classes.
High Point Stock Horse Division — Ties may be broken also by determining the 4-Her who placed over more horses, if necessary.
- 11) Futurity Horse Projects—The nomination date, when nominations are due to the county office, will be moved from March 15 to April 1, primarily due to changes in stock show dates. This will allow most CEAs to get back home and process the nominations, turning them into the Horse Specialists' office by April 5.

Note—The May 1 deadline for county certification of all other horse projects remains the same, it

- 12) Age of Futurity Project 4-Hers—In 2004, (not 2003), the minimum age for 4-Hers to nominate a futurity project will be 12 years of age.
- 13a) Reining Patterns—Look for minor revisions to Patterns 1 and 2, and also look for new patterns, number 3 and 9.
- 13b) Reining Prelims and Finals—At the State Show, the prelims score will be added to the finals score to determine placings.
- 14) Cutting Prelims and Finals—At the State Show, a 120 ½ score or higher will still be required in the prelims to advance to the finals. Class placings will be determined by adding the prelims score to the finals score.
- 15) Novice Classes—These classes will not be offered at any of the 12 District 4-H Horse Shows, starting in calendar year 2003. Only 3 of the 12 district shows were offering Novice classes, and 2 districts that had tried it for a year had already stopped offering them.
- 16) Class Changes or Class Additions at State—Exhibitors who are already entered in the State 4-H Horse Show by July 1, will be allowed to add a class or change a class with a \$50 fee, at the show. This is only for those who are already entered.
- 17) Drill/Precision Riding Teams—There will be NO PROPS. Only uniforms/costumes will be permitted. Props in the arena or on or around the entrance gate will not be used. Interest in Drill/Precision continues to grow. There may be changes to the State Show Schedule to better accommodate and showcase the Drill/Precision competitions. Less practice time in arenas will be available in the future.
- 18) Effective 2003, the use of golf carts, gators/mules/4-wheelers, all scooters, skates, skateboards, bicycles, as well as underage drivers of pickups, suburbans and cars will be prohibited. It will be the policy of both the Taylor County Expo Center and the State 4-H Horse Committee that these be prohibited due to safety concerns and due to the accidents that have occurred. Only Expo Center Staff, State Show Management Team and the Official Veterinarian crew and the Patrolmen on duty will be using golf carts. Every County office is asked to please help get the word out about this so people will know well in advance.

Texas A&M University To Present Horse Judging and Oral Reasons Presentation Clinics

Beginning in the Spring of 2003, your county can host a one day horse judging clinic. Two students from Texas A&M University that have been on the Collegiate Horse Judging Team will come to you to conduct these clinics. The clinic format will cover halter and performance classes. Specific time will be devoted to oral reasons preparation and presentation. The dates and times of the clinics will be determined by the county and the instructors. The cost of the clinics will be \$ 250.00 plus mileage and overnight accommodations (if required). This is a tremendous opportunity for your county to bring in some new ideas and people to work with your 4-H'ers. For additional information, contact Dr. Brett Scott or Ms. Alicia Howard at 979-845-

Calendar of Events

From judging to educational programs, from State Roundup to the State Show, find dates and contacts in the Calendar of Events. See Calendar at end of this section.

FUTURITY PROJECT NOMINATION FORM
for
YOUNG HORSE TRAINING PROJECT
(APRIL 1 DUE DATE IN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE)

(Yearling Halter, Yearling Longe Line, Two-Year-Old Pleasure, Three-Year-Old Stock Horse)

This form must be completed and accompanied by a \$10.00 nomination fee and must be received in your County Extension office **not later than April 1**. Make check payable to Texas 4-H Foundation. Take form and check to CEA office by April 1. County Extension office will mail all nomination forms and checks, with a County 4-H Futurity Summary Form to the Horse Specialists' office.

 4-H Members' Name

 4-Hers Current Age

 County

 Complete Address, City, State, Zip Code

(_____) _____
 Area Code Phone Number

 Horse's Name

 Breed

<u>Nomination for: (circle one)</u>	
* A	Yearling Halter Fillies
* B	Yearling Halter Geldings
* C	Yearling Longe Line Only
* D	Yearling Longe Line Plus A
* E	Yearling Longe Line Plus B
* F	2-Year-Old Pleasure
* G	3-Year-Old Stock Horse

 Registration #

Circle
 (sex of horse): Filly Gelding

 Birthdate of Horse

 Name of Owner

If owner is other than the 4-Her, signify whether it is brother, sister, parent, grandparent or legal guardian.

Attention 4-Her: Your signature at the bottom of this form verifies that:

- 1) The above named horse is **owned solely by you** or your brother, sister, parent, grandparent or legal guardian as of **April 1**.
- 2) The above named horse is **in your management and care as of April 1**, and will remain so from April 1 through the State 4-H Horse Show.
- 3) You agree to do **all of the riding** and training on this horse from April 1 through the State 4-H Horse Show, and at **no time** will allow **any** other person to ride or train this horse or to show this horse in a competitive class or event.
- 4) You have read the rules regarding futurity horses in the Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations, and **agree to follow all rules without exception**. Failure to abide by these rules shall cause you to withdraw yourself from entering or showing in this class at the State 4-H Horse Show.

 4-H Member's Signature

 Date

 Parent or Guardian Signature

 Date

 County Agent Signature

 Date

* Reminder: This is your nomination and does not constitute an entry. **Nominated horses must still be entered in the respective State Show class**. Make entries at your District Show.
Turn this form and check into your County Extension office by April 1.

**TEXAS 4-H FUTURITY HORSE NOMINATION
COUNTY SUMMARY SHEET**

**APRIL 5 DEADLINE
POSTMARKED TO HORSE
SPECIALISTS' OFFICE**

[To be completed by CEA Office and sent along with individual 4-Her's nominations and fees to State Horse Specialists office. All Futurity Horse Project Nomination Forms must be received in the County Extension Office. Do not accept any nominations after April 1. CEAs - Mail this to Horse Specialists' office by April 5.]

Please print or type

County: _____ District: _____

CEA Name: _____ CEA Signature: _____

CEA Office Address: _____ Date: _____

city/town _____ zip _____

CEA Office Phone#: (_____) _____

Nomination for:

- * **A** Yearling Halter Fillies
- * **B** Yearling Halter Geldings
- * **C** Yearling Longe Line Only
- * **D** Yearling Longe Line Plus A
- * **E** Yearling Longe Line Plus B
- * **F** 2-Year-Old Pleasure
- * **G** 3-Year-Old Stock Horse

4-Her's Name	4-Her Age	Sex of Horse (Filly or Gelding)	Age of Horse	\$10 Fee Included?	Nominated for: (use letters A-G)

CEA office, be sure each of the attached nomination forms are signed by the 4-Her and parent or guardian. Make a copy of this summary sheet and all attached nominations, as well as copies of checks and keep on file. Mail completed summary and all individual nomination forms and checks **on or before April 5 to:**

Brett D. Scott
Horse Specialists Office
2471 TAMU - Kleberg 249
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843-2471

Grade Horse Identification & Certification Form Texas 4-H Horse Project

Note: A horse purchased without papers that was once a registered horse does not qualify as a Grade Horse. Any horse having papers, regardless of whether they are in the owner's possession or not, is a registered horse in terms of 4H horse show participation.

Horse's Name _____ 4H Member's Name _____

Breed _____ Sex: Gelding or Mare (please circle) County _____

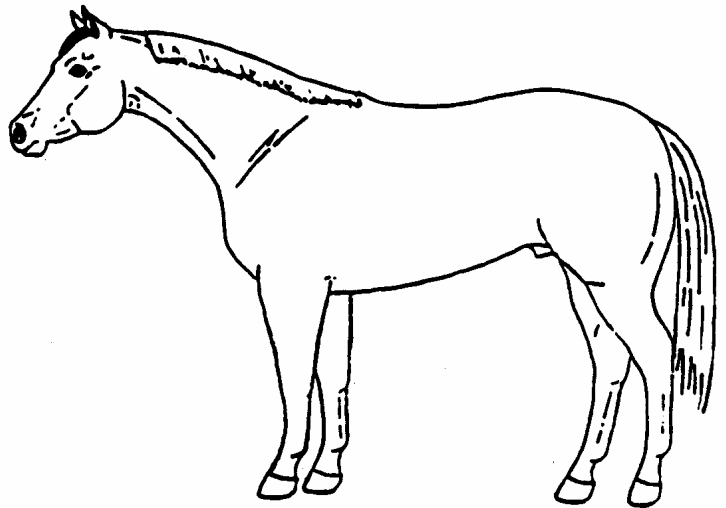
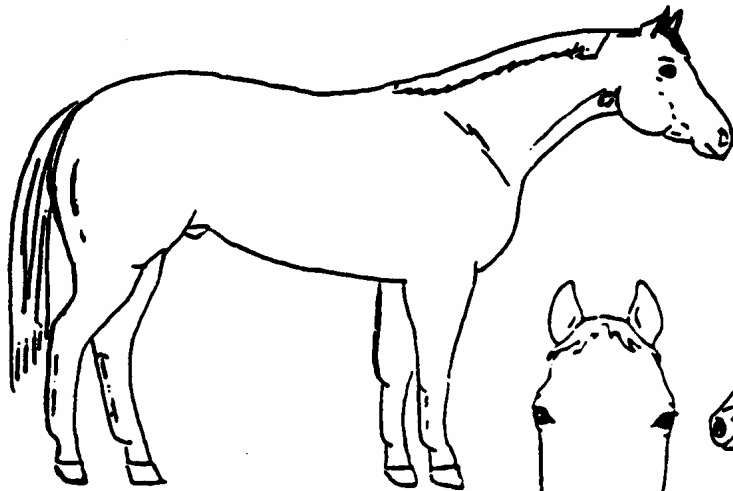
Horse's Birthdate (if known) _____ if unknown, horse's approximate age (years) _____
Month Day Year

Horse's Height (inches) _____ Color _____

Examples of Color					
Sorrel	Buckskin	Black	Chestnut	Palomino	Brown
Bay	Paint	Spotted	Dunn	Roan	

Any unique identifying marks or brands _____

Horse was raised by 4Her or immediate family from birth
or was purchased on _____ Date _____ From: _____ Seller's Name _____ Seller's Address _____



Draw in all areas where white exists on the horse's face, nose, jaw, body, legs. Draw in any brands, scars or other identifying characteristics

Signatures by the following certify that the horse identified on this form is the 4H horse project and that this horse was owned on or before May 1 of the current 4-H year by the 4-Her or that 4-Her's parent, brother, sister, grandparent or legal guardian.

4-H Member

Date

Parent or guardian

Date

County Extension Agent

Date

Horse Judging Clinics Winter & Spring 2003

1 Day Horse Judging & Reasons Clinics

Where: Your county/hometown. We will send a team of 2 students that have been members of the Texas A&M University horse judging team to assist your youth team with judging performance classes, halter classes and giving oral reasons.

When: To be decided by county. Options: Weekends & spring break.

Topics: (choose 4)

Western Pleasure

Reining

Hunter Under Saddle

Hunter Hack

Western Riding

Halter

Western Horsemanship

Reasons

Cost: (will vary on distance traveled): \$ 250 + mileage + overnight accommodation (if needed)

To Sign Up: You will need to contact either

Alicia Howard
ahoward@tamu.edu
249 Kleberg Center
2471 TAMU
College Station, TX
77843-2471
Phone: 979-845-1562

or

Dr. Brett Scott
bdscott@ag.tamu.edu
249 Kleberg Center
2471 TAMU
College Station, TX
77843-2471
Phone: 979-845-1562

31st Annual

Summer Horsemanship School Program

Summer of 2003

Two-Day Horsemanship School Request Form

GROUP: _____ County would like to host a 2003 Summer Horsemanship/Horse Training School to be held in _____ (town).

DATES: Rank your choices below: (*Note: must have at least three choices filled in to be considered*)

1—1st Choice

3—3rd Choice

2—2nd Choice

4—4th Choice

Choice	Fri/Sat	Choice	Mon/Tues	Choice	Wed/Thurs
_____	May 23, 24*	_____	May 26, 27*	_____	May 28, 29 *
_____	May 30, 31	_____	June 2, 3	_____	June 4, 5
_____	June 6, 7	_____	June 9, 10	_____	June 11, 12
_____	June 13, 14	_____	June 16, 17	_____	June 18, 19
_____	June 20, 21	_____	June 23, 24	_____	June 25, 26
_____	June 27, 28				

*please check to make sure that area elementary, junior high and high school are not in session before requesting these dates.

Scheduling Fee: Please send this form along with a \$250.00 check made payable to **Extension Account # 229104** by January 31, 2003. This \$250.00 serves as a deposit for scheduling. The remaining \$300.00 balance is due in the Horse Specialists' Office by April 15, 2003. The deposit will be refundable **only** in the event that a date cannot be scheduled for your county on one of the four choices marked above. Once the schedule has been finalized and sent to County Extension Agents, there will be no refund of deposit or balance. Complete refunds will be made if a clinic is completely rained out and a rain date cannot be scheduled.

COUNTY CONTACT PERSON

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: County Extension Agent

County: _____

Date form returned: _____

Return to: Pete G. Gibbs, Extension Horse Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension,
249 Kleberg Center, 2471 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2471 Phone: 979-845-1562.

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4—4th Choice

<u>Choice</u>	<u>Mon-Wed</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Thurs-Sat</u>
_____	May 26, 27, 28*	_____	May 29, 30, 31*
_____	June 2, 3, 4	_____	June 5, 6, 7
_____	June 9, 10, 11	_____	June 12, 13, 14
_____	June 16, 17, 18	_____	June 19, 20, 21
_____	June 23, 24, 25	_____	June 26, 27, 28
_____	June 30, July 1, 2		

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2003 Equine Workshops - Texas A&M University College Station, Texas



7th Annual Mare/Foal Management Workshop February 18th, 2003

Where: Pearce Pavilion
When: 8:00 am Registration
Pre-Registration: by February 7th, 2003
Topics:

Broodmare Nutrition
Body Condition Scoring
Weight Estimation
Reproductive Function
Estrus Detection & Testing
Signs of Foaling
Health Care & Restraint
Forage Selection & Hay Quality
Moderate vs. Rapid Foal Growth
Selecting Good Feeds for Foals
Foal Handling & Neonatal Care
Equine Dentistry
Economic Impact of Industry
Horse Theft Awareness & Prevention

Cost: \$ 30.00 per person includes refreshments, noon meal and all printed materials.
Contact: Dr. Pete Gibbs
Phone: 979-845-1562

2nd Annual Performance Horse Owners Workshop March 18th, 2003

Where: Pearce Pavilion
When: 8:00 am Registration
Pre-Registration: by March 7th, 2003
Topics:

Body Condition Scoring
Estimating Body Weight
Deworming & Immunizations
Hay Selection and Use
Feeding the Performance Horse
Equine Dentistry
Basic Conditioning Principles
Heart Rate Monitors Demonstrations
Horse Theft Awareness and Prevention
Featured Training Demonstration

Cost: \$ 30.00 per person includes refreshments, noon meal and all printed materials.
Contact: Dr. Brett Scott
Phone: 979-845-1562

2nd Annual Basic Horse Management 101 March 25th, 2003

Where: Pearce Pavilion
When: 8:00 am Registration
Pre-Registration: by March 14th, 2003

Topics:

Body Condition Scoring
Estimating Body Weight
General Health & Immunizations
Hay & Grass Selection and Use
Selection of Trailers
General Nutrition
Feeding Management
Basic Safety
Stalls, Flooring & Paddock Design
Horse Theft Awareness & Prevention
Featured Training Demonstration

Cost: \$ 30.00 per person includes refreshments, noon meal and all printed materials.
Contact: Dr. Brett Scott
Phone: 979-845-1562

Registration Form

Please Indicate Your Choice(s)

- Mare/Foal Management - \$ 30.00
 Performance Horse Owners Workshop - \$ 30.00
 Basic Horse Management 101 - \$ 30.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____ **Phone:** () _____

Email: _____

____ clinic(s) x \$30.00/Clinic=_____

One Registration Form per Person

Attach check made payable to Account # 229202.

Mail to: Ms. Mary Ellen Maeker
249 Kleberg Center
2471 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2471
Phone: 979-845-1562

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Calendar of Events—2003		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Jan 11	Texas Quarter Horse Association Convention	TQHA 1-800-945-6157
Jan 11	Johnson County Open Horse Judging contest—Cleburne	Ed Bader 817-447-1704
Jan 15	B.I.G. Horse Short Course—Heart-O-Texas Fairgrounds—McGregor	254-757-5180
Jan 18	Texas Thoroughbred Association Convention—Austin	TTA 512-458-6133
Jan 18	Montgomery Co. Open Horse Judging Contest—Conroe, Lonestar Expo Center	CEA Mike Heimer 935-539-7823
Jan 18	Texas Equestrian Trail Riders Association Meeting—TAMU	Teresa Chipman 979-845-1301
Jan 25	Denton County Annual Foal clinic—Denton Co.	CEA Rebecca Parker 940-349-2880
Jan 31	Request Deadline for a Summer Horsemanship School	Pete Gibbs 979-845-1562
Feb 1	Ft. Worth Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest—Coliseum 8:30 a.m. See December 1 entry deadline	Stock Show 817-877-2400 or www.fwssr.com
Feb 3-5	Texas Farm Bureau Horse Commodity Meeting—San Antonio	TFB 254-751-2667
Feb 6	San Augustine Co. Horse Owners' Meeting	CEA Jerry Nickerson 936-275-3644
Feb 6-9	Equus America—Reliant Arena—Houston	Karen McIntosh 208-888-7995 or www.equusamerica.com
Feb 7	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Quiz Bowl. See December 1 entry deadline	Stock Show 210-225-0575
Feb 8	San Antonio Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest—Rose Palace. See December 1 entry deadline.	Stock Show 210-225-1575
Feb 11-12	Horse Feed Industry Workshop—ADM/Moorman—College Station	Pete Gibbs 979-845-1562
Feb 13	Rusk Co. Horse Owners' Meeting—Rusk Co.	CEA Blaine Jernigan (903-657-0376)
Feb 18	7th TAMU Mare/Foal workshop—College Station	Pete Gibbs or Martha Vogelsang 979-845-1562
Mar 4	Houston Stock Show Youth Horse Judging Contest. See December 1 entry deadline	Stock Show 832-667-1000 or www.rodeohouston.com
Mar 18	2nd Performance Horse Workshop—College Station	Brett Scott or Pete Gibbs 979-845-1562
Mar TBA	Stock Horse of Texas (S.H.O.T.) Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett 254-823-6860
Mar 21-23	Tarrant County Horse-O-Rama—Ft. Worth	Ken Johnson 817-884-1946
Mar 22	Tarrant County Horse-O-Rama—Ft. Worth—Horse Judging Contest	Ken Johnson 817-884-1946

Calendar of Events—Continued		
Date	Program/Activity	Contact
Mar 25	2nd Basic Horse Management 101—College Station	Pete Gibbs or Brett Scott 979-845-1562
April TBA	Cargill Territory Manager's Horse Nutrition Workshop	Pete Gibbs 979-845-1562
April 1	Deadline for 4-H Futurity Horse Nominations to CEA office (for 4-Hers Nominating Yearling)	CEA offices
April 5	Deadline for CEAs to mail Futurity Nominations to Horse Specialists' Office	Horse Specialists' Office 979-845-1562
April 5-6	Aggie AQHA Mini-Circuit—College Station	TAMU Horsemen's Assoc. 979-695-
April 10	4 County Horse Nutrition & Theft Awareness Program—Hardin Co.	CEA Charles Neill 409-246-5128
April 14	Shelby Co. Horse Nutrition and Management Meeting	CEA James Greer 936-598-7744
April 26-27	AQHA All Youth/All Amateur Shows—Brazos Co. Extension Horse Committee	Dr. Mike Martin
May 1	Deadline for Owning and Certifying 4-H Horse Projects	CEA offices
May 3	Multi-District (5,9,11) Horse Judging contest—TAMU	Kevin Chilek 979-845-6800
May TBA	State 4-H Adult Leader Reining Clinic—Abilene	Vicki Hoggett 254-823-6860
May 24— June 1	County-wide 31st Annual Summer Horsemanship Schools	Pete Gibbs or Alicia Howard 979-845-1562
June 11	State 4-H Horse Judging Contest	State 4-H Office 979-845-1211
June 12	State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest	State 4-H Office 979-845-1211
June 12	State 4-H Horse Demonstration Contest	State 4-H Office 979-845-1211
June 15-20	State 4-H Calf roping School—Stephenville	Scott Anderson 915-646-0386
June TBA	State 4-H Team Roping School—Llleveland	CEA Kathryn McCulloch 806-894-3159
June 30	Cargill Territory Manager's Horse Nutrition Workshop—TAMU	Pete Gibbs 979-845-1562
July 20-26	41st Texas 4-H Horse Show—Abilene	Pete Gibbs or Brett Scott 979-845-1562