

Equine Records Book- Senior (14 & older)

Look through this book when you get it, do not throw it on a shelf until the day of judging!!

It is designed to help you through your project and will take a lot less time and cause a lot less grief if you fill it out as you go.

p. 3 Remind yourself why it is important to keep records.

p.4 Go over this with your parents, grandparents, and/or whoever your project helpers are. Horses are a lot of responsibility and expense. Make sure everybody knows who is taking care of what. Have your parents sign this page.

p. 5 Set 6 goals for yourself. (if you are planning on qualifying to go to the Holmes County Fair- 3 of the 6 are already set for you☺) Think about things you have worked on in past riding meetings, clinics, and/or riding lessons. You are a senior- consider trying to qualify for state fair. (If you do this, riding lessons are highly recommended.) Challenge yourself! Consider trying Versatility class, take your contest horse in reining class (read the pattern- you do not need a reining horse to do pattern A) Remember- advisors need to initial this page before you turn it in.

p. 6 & 7 Fill these pages out.

p. 8 & 9 Fill these out, include a picture of your horse.

p. 10 & 11 Skip these pages- do not put 2 horses in same record book. Thanks!

p. 12 & 13 Use these pages to record any dewormers, vaccinations, or medications your horse receives. Have your parents help with this. It is important to know what your horse is getting and why. If you don't know what that "shot" the vet just gave was- ask!! They will be happy to tell you.

p. 14 Keep track of the work your farrier (shoer) does with your horse. Note the date and whether your horse gets trimmed, shoes reset (front and/or back) or new shoes (front and/or back). Horse should see their farrier every 6 to 8 weeks. Be sure your horse sees farrier prior to the fair and is not coming due for new shoes/ trim during fair week. You have worked all year to go to this show and a horse that goes lame from losing a shoe can ruin the whole week.

p. 15 Fill this page out

p. 16 Fill out this page. REMEMBER! Grain is measured in pounds, not "scoops". A pound is always the same size, a "scoop" is not. Dump your "scoop" of grain in a plastic bag and weigh it on a scale.

p. 17 & 18 Fill this out. Always ride with a purpose, think about what you want to work on before you ride. Don't just go out to the arena and run your horse around the rail for an hour. This is a great way to make an arena sour horse. Set goals for yourself & keep them attainable. Riding exercise books are a HUGE help with this to give you ideas. If you don't have one, ask your advisor for a recommendation- these books are inexpensive for the amount of information that is in them.

p. 19 Fill out this page.

p. 20 Fill out this page. (Spoiler alert!! Horses are expensive and rarely bring in income.)

p. 21 Fill this out a couple days before judging.

p. 22 Attach your feed tag here and answer the questions. The answers are all on the tag.