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LEVEL 2

The following are suggested guidelines for leaders working with 4-H members to help them pass the Level 2 written and riding tests used in the Wyoming 4-H Horse Project Advancement Levels program.

These parts of selected sections are taken from the *Wyoming 4-H Horse Project* manual and are recommended study for the closed book examination for Level 2.

Review all the information for the Level 1 written test.

Level 2 Written Test

Introduction – Page i

Section 1 – Advancement levels – Page 1

Section 2 – Introduction to the horse – Page 13

Study the basic horse terms, coat colors, parts, markings, and sizes. Also, study the breeds of horses.

Section 5 – Safety – Page 29

Study this entire section well to prepare for both the written and the riding portions of the test.

Section 7 – Hooves – Page 43

Study A through H.

Section 9 – Nutrition—Page 53

Study the introduction, the digestive system, the types of nutrients, the various feeds, feed and water requirements, feeding principles, and water and general feeding considerations.

Section 10 – Health and first aid –

Page 63

Study sections A through H.

Section 11 – Housing – Page 69

Study all parts of this section.

Section 12 – Equipment and its use – Page 71

Study all parts of this section, paying special attention to the parts of the saddle, the bridle, and the bit.

Section 15 – Basic horsemanship – Page 89

Study mounting and dismounting, the seat position, the aids, backing, stops, turn of the forehand, turn on the hindquarters,

side pass, two tracks, leads, and general tips.

Section 16 – Horse judging – Page 109
Study section A through D.

Glossary – Page 123
Study this entire section for a good review and to gain familiarity with horse terms.

Level 2 Riding Test

The riding test may include but is not limited to the following:

4-H members will be evaluated on how they handle themselves and their horses according to Sections 4, 5, 6, 12, and 15 of the *Wyoming 4-H Horse Project* manual.

Note: Each section (maneuver) of the riding test must be passed with scores of at least 70% in order to pass the entire test.

The Level 2 Riding Test may include:
Anything covered in the Level 1 riding test, which includes:

Proper catching, haltering, leading, tying, safety while working around horses, grooming, adjustment of equipment for correct fit to the horse and rider, bridling

and saddling, mounting and dismounting, principles and use of correct seat and balance, and use of reins. It may also include basic control for simple riding at the walk, trot, canter, and stop, plus riding safety and courtesy and proper dress (hat or helmet, long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and boots).

In addition, members will be evaluated on the use of their aids while at the walk, trot, and canter (correct lead is desirable for a passing score). Use of aids and riding form at a stop from all three of the above gaits will be rated. Also, backing the horse will be evaluated. Members will be asked to perform a short pattern which may include a circle or figure 8 at the trot and lope (canter). Members will also be required to perform a turn on the forehand (½ turn in each direction). A member's overall use of hands and reining and seat/balance will be evaluated along with appropriate equipment and dress.

See Section 1 Page 1 of the *Wyoming 4-H Horse Project* manual for additional information about the Advancement Levels program.

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