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LEVEL 4

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

Note: Members should study the entire *Wyoming 4-H Horse Project* manual and study guides for Levels 1, 2, and 3.

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

Introduction – Page i

Section 2 – Introduction to the horse – Page 13
Study all parts of this section.

Section 3 – Selecting the right horse – Page 23
Study all parts of this section.

Section 9 – Nutrition – Page 53
Members should have advanced knowledge about feed composition, the horse digestive tract and digestion, feed requirements, and costs. Members should study

ration balancing to be able to balance a ration correctly.

Section 10 – Health and first aid – Page 63
All of this section should be studied.

Section 14 – Basic horse handling and training – Page 85
Members should readily understand all the principles.

Section 15 – Basic horsemanship – Page 89
Members should be able to understand and explain all the maneuvers in this chapter and how they are taught to the horse.

Section 16 – Horse judging – Page 109
Members should have a thorough understanding of the conformation of the horse and the desirable qualities to judge. Members should also understand and be able to explain all the common unsoundness and blemishes.

Glossary – Page 123
Study the entire section.

Also, members should be versed in the following topics. Material may be obtained from the **Horse Science** manual or from many other good reference texts.

1. Know the common diseases of horses including causes, treatments, and symptoms.
2. Know the internal and external parasites affecting a horse including life cycles, damage to the hosts, and specific control measures.
3. Know the basics of reproduction in horses including breeding and foaling.
4. Understand how you have trained your horse, including the cues and the maneuvers presented and taught and any problems you may have encountered.

Level 4 Riding Portion

The Advanced Horseman Level requires a high degree of excellence which may only be obtained through years of hard work. Only the finest performances will pass. Riders taking this test should remember that the horse must perform willingly at the rider's commands and that the horse and rider should work as a team.

Riding exams may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Anything included in the tests from the previous three levels and

Basic handling – The member must be confident and experienced in handling the horse. Grooming and knowledge of show grooming and showmanship should be excellent, thorough, and without error.

Riding – The rider may be asked to repeat any maneuvers from the previous levels with the addition of the following:

Side pass

Half pass at all three gaits

Flying change of leads in figure 8 and on straightaway

Extended gaits

Pivots, spins, and canter pirouettes

Rollbacks or ½ pirouettes each way

Sliding stops or stops from a hard gallop

Haunches in, haunches out

Counter canter.

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