



S T U D Y G U I D E

LEVEL 3

The following suggested guidelines are for leaders working with 4-H members to help them pass the Level 3 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 3. Members may also use similar topics from the *Horse Science* manual.

Review all the information from the Level 1 and Level 2 written exams.

Introduction to the horse project – Page i

Section 1 – Advancement levels – Page 1

Section 2 – Introduction to the horse – Page 13

Study all parts of this section.

Section 3 – Selection of the horse – Page 23

Study all parts of this section.

Section 5 – Safety – Page 29

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

Section 8 – Teeth and aging – Page 47

Study all parts of this section in detail.

Section 9 – Nutrition – Page 53

Study the entire section. Concentrate on the types of nutrients, the importance of balanced rations, and the amount of feed required per horse including the age, weight, and the amount of work being done. Know the cost of the feed in your area.

Section 10 – Health and first aid – Page 63

Learn what has to be done on a yearly basis to insure your horse's good health. Pay special attention to basic first aid, worming, vaccinations, wounds, and illnesses.

Section 11 – Housing – Page 69

Study all parts of this section.

Section 12 – Equipment and its use – Page 71

Learn what each piece of equipment is and what it is used for.

Section 13 – Gaits of the horse – Page 79

Be sure to know what each gait is and how to explain it in detail.

Section 14 – Basic horse handling and training –

Page 85

Understand the basic schooling of the horse.

Section 15 – Basic horsemanship – Page 89

Study all parts of this section. Know the basic aids and the cause and effect of pressure. Know what cues are used for turn on the forehand; turn on the hindquarters, side pass, and two track. Also study leads, changing leads, and general tips.

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

Level 3 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 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 3 Riding Test may include:

Anything covered in the Level 1 and Level 2 riding tests, which include:

Proper catching, haltering, leading, tying, safety while working around horses, grooming, adjustment of equipment for correct 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, 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.

Specifically for Level 3 the test may also include:

A detailed knowledge of handling and grooming the horse properly.

Use of the basic aids, riding ability, and control of the horse at all times.

Turn on the forehand with precision.

Turn on the hindquarter with precision.

Side pass both ways.

Balanced stop from all three gaits on the straightaway and in a circle.

Simple change of leads from the stop and from the trot into a figure 8 and on a straightaway.

Circle in a counter lead.

Back straight and back in a circle.

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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