



## Montana 4-H Animal and/or Horse Projects

### Permission & Assumption of Risk for Participation in 4-H Animal and/or Horse Projects

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Year: 20\_\_ ~ 20\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal and/or Horse Project(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT** read and sign:

I hereby request and apply to participate in the above listed Montana State University Extension Service Animal Project(s). I agree that I will abide by all Extension Service 4-H rules and regulations. I further agree that I will abide by all the directions and requirements which are specified in the project manual, safety guidelines manual, and/or specified by the course leader(s).

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT(S) or LEGAL GUARDIAN(S)** read and sign:

As parents(s) or legal guardian(s) of the above named child, I/we agree to have my/our child abide by directions and requirements specified in the project manual, safety guidelines manual and assessment criteria provided for the above described Montana State University Extension Service Animal Project(s). I/we understand the program and activities which are involved, consent to my/our child's participation, and agree to have my/our child abide by all the applicable rules, regulations and directions specified by the course leader(s). I/we are fully aware that this can be a dangerous activity and there are many serious risks of injury inherent with handling of animals and participation in the 4-H Animal Project(s). Animals can be unpredictable and may react to sudden movement, unfamiliar surroundings or persons or other activities. I/we also understand that if our child is participating in a horse project, the stated risks are increased without my/our child's use of a helmet whenever he/she is around a horse. I/we recognize and understand that some travel may be required and are aware of the risks associated with that activity.

I/we understand and agree that Montana State University and MSU Extension 4-H does not provide accident/medical insurance covering my/our child while participating in 4-H Animal Projects. I/we hereby assume all responsibility for any injury or illness my/our child might sustain while participating in this program.

In consideration of my/our child being permitted to participate in the 4-H Animal Project(s), I/we hereby assume all the risks associated with participation and necessary travel.

I/we have carefully read the foregoing permission and assumption of risk and sign of my/our free will and accord.

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Form required to be completed, signed and dated annually.***

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# 4-H Horse Helmet Policy & Acknowledgement of Education



4-H YEAR from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

## Montana State University Extension: 4-H Horse Helmet Policy

A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole races, stake races, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in this policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock.

Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and/or view the video "Every Ride Every Time" once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (14 and up).

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against.

Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. Counties may establish more stringent policies regarding helmet use.

**I have read, understand, and agreed to adhere to the above Montana 4-H Horse Helmet Policy in order to participate in the Montana 4-H Horse Project.**

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*signatures are required yearly*

## Montana State University Extension: 4-H Acknowledgement of Receiving Horse Helmet Education

I have attended a 4-H horse helmet safety workshop and/or viewed the video "Every Time, Every Ride". I acknowledge that helmet education is required twice during my 4-H membership - first in my junior years, 4-H age 9-13, and again in my senior years, 4-H age 14 and up, unless I joined 4-H as a senior member whereas I need only receive training once.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_