



# Kids n' Horses News

## HOT, HOT, HOT!

Howdy to all the 4-H Horse Project members in Kansas!

Hope this letter finds you well and your life is looking somewhat normal; although it may be a new normal. Once again, included in this newsletter is some information about how things have changed for your 4-H Horse Project. If you have questions, contact your local Extension Office.

Don't forget, there is a **new Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rule Book**. Check the back cover of your rule book to make sure it is the most current; it should say: S133 Revised January 2020. Be sure to download it or have your local Extension Office order it for you. It can be found at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html> under General Horse Resources. There are several rule changes you need to be aware of and this will be the rule book used at District 4-H Horse Shows and the KSF State 4-H Horse Show.

If you are wanting to compete at the State 4-H Horse Show, all Level testing must be done BEFORE July 15<sup>th</sup>.

There is a TON of information about the Horse project at: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html> Check it out and bookmark that page for future reference.

If you would like to submit an article or have a horse event you would like to publicize, please e-mail that information to Jean at [jhuntley@ksu.edu](mailto:jhuntley@ksu.edu).

**Happy trails and safe riding!**

**Congratulations to all our  
graduating Seniors!  
May all your dreams come true!**

## Dates to Remember:

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| July 15    | 4-H Horse Achievement Level Testing due date   |
| Aug 1      | State 4-H Horse Show entries due to State 4-H Office online at <a href="https://kansaseq.fairwire.com/">https://kansaseq.fairwire.com/</a> |
| Sept 17-19 | State 4-H Horse Show, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson (entries due Aug 1)  |



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# Changes for Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show

Kansas 4-H reserves the right to cancel or modify event plans and rules based on COVID-19 related issues. These issues can include but are not limited to social distancing requirements and limited mass gathering requirements. We will work to share cancellations or modifications in a timely manner.

## Horse Identification Forms:

- Horse Identification forms were due May 1 to the local office in order to be eligible for the state show.

## District/State Horse Shows:

- All District Horse Shows have been cancelled.
- There will be no District qualification process for 4-Hers to attend the State Show.
- All state exhibitors must complete Level 1 testing. Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4 specific horsemanship classes will still require the appropriate certification. (No Change)

## Levels Testing:

- All components of levels testing will be moved to an online format.
- The \$10 fee (\$5 for exam and \$5 for riding) will still apply. This will be sent in with the signed coversheet upon the successful completion of the online test. (No Change)
- To assist with the electronic exchange, a form fillable version of the coversheet will be available for your agent.
- All levels of the exam will be moved to Qualtrics. Contact your agent for the link to the exam.
- Groundwork/riding portion of levels testing will be completed via video conferencing (Zoom, Facetime, etc.) or with a recorded video. Please contact your local agent as soon as possible if you have concerns about being able to meet this criteria.
- A list of evaluators comfortable with this new process will be provided to agents.
- The leadership section will be expanded to include: online club meeting talks/demonstrations, virtual horse judging or clinic, Panorama, etc.
- Youth are able to complete multiple levels in a year, but they must be done in order. (No Change)
- Study materials can be found at <https://www.kansas4->

[h.org/projects/animals/horse.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html) beneath Project Materials.

- It requires a score of 70 to pass the exam and groundwork/riding portions of all levels. (No Change)
- **All levels testing must be completed by July 15<sup>th</sup> this year. Please take note of this change.**

## Stalling & Trailer Jump-Outs

Stalls and jump-outs are non-refundable per Kansas State Fair guidelines. There will be no tack stalls available. **All stalling questions should be directed to the Kansas State Fair.**

## Stalling in Barns

- **As of June 26, there are no stalling restrictions.** This may change if there is a dramatic increase in entries.
  - If restrictions must be implemented, families within a **45-mile radius** will be required to haul in. Due to KSF stalling guidelines, refunds will not be issued.
  - A mileage restriction will not be implemented unless the Administrative Team feels it is absolutely necessary.
  - We encourage all families within a 45-mile radius to consider jump-outs, and to purchase stalls as KSF gets closer.
  - If we exceed capacity, before implementing any restrictions, emails will be sent to families to find out if they will be using all purchased stalls. Stalls will be re-issued if possible.
  - **Please know that we are trying to be proactive in case there are significantly more horses than stalls. Hopefully, this will not be an issue, and it is the last resort after the jump out option. However, this plan is in case capacity is SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDED, and we want to share with the system in advance.**
  - Considerations made when thinking about this process:
    - Some families did not realize they could buy stalls prior to entry, especially if they are new families or have new leaders and/or agents in their local units.
    - Families travel from across the state and some would not be able to travel in each day to exhibit.
- If there are stall cancellations after August 1, KSF will email jump-out families to offer available stalls on a first come first serve basis.

## Trailer Jump-Outs

Trailer jump-out refers to a non-stalling option that allows families to unload and tie horses to their trailers for the day. Overnight options are available, however, due to safety, horses should be accustomed to overnighing at trailers prior to the State 4-H Horse Show.

- Traditional trailer jump-outs will be available across Plum St.
- Additional trailer jump-outs will be available north of Expo II/Gate 9 along the Grandstand racetrack.
  - Families must be prepared for concert noise from the Grandstand.
  - Trailers will be parked approximately 9 feet apart for horses to be tied comfortably.
  - If staying overnight, horses must be confined in panels to allow freedom of movement.

## Show Classes

- Due to the anticipated time constraints of the show, the following will be strictly enforced:
  - Pattern Classes- There will be no call-backs for pattern classes. All pattern classes will be placed on a preliminary pattern only.
  - Trail & Ranch Horse Trail- The Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook (pg 25, 54) allows for the judge to ask a rider to pass on an obstacle: after three refusals, refusing for 30 seconds, or not completing in a reasonable time. The judge's decision is final and not subject to protest. This will result in a 0 score and the rider will be dismissed from the arena.
  - Speed Events- The following maximum time limits will be implemented, with the rider being dismissed from the arena if outside the limit.
    - Barrel Racing: 45 seconds
    - Flag Race: 30 seconds
    - Pole Bending: 1 minute
- All other classes will move forward as outlined in the Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook and the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook.

## Entry Process

- The entry process has been moved to Kansas State Fair's ShoWorks and can be accessed at <https://kansaseq.fairwire.com/>
- Please review the Kansas 4-H State Horse Show Registration document for step by step entry instructions. It can be found online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>

- Please ensure that members register the correct horse for each class as there will be no substitutions allowed.
- Once entries close on August 1, reports will be sent to local unit Agents to validate 4-H members in good standing. (Please see County Participation Requirement.)

## Show Check-In Process

- Further information regarding the check-in process will be released closer to the show.
- Check-in consists of confirming Horse IDs with horses present, health papers, and class entries/scratches.

## COVID-19 Safety Precautions During Horse Show

- Information regarding COVID-19 safety precautions, such as physical distancing, will be released closer to the show.

## County Participation Requirement

- The horse project participation requirement is still valid. This maybe in terms of county show participation. However, if needed, project participation can be in the form of project talks/demonstrations, Panorama, etc. This will be at the local Agent's discretion as they will validate KSF entry reports in August.
- We highly encourage youth to exhibit at the local level with the horse they will exhibit at state fair. We encourage youth/horse pairs to have an exhibition experience prior to KSF for safety and confidence.
- Educational methods of 4-H rely on the experiential learning process, "learning by doing." The horse shows, and related equine activities and contests, are utilized as a vehicle for growth and development through continued project learning. The county, district, and state 4-H horse shows are competitive experiences that assist this learning process.

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# Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show

No health papers or CVI is needed for in-state horses, only a negative Coggins. A vet check will be conducted upon arrival. Specific procedures will be announced closer to the show.

Stalls are NOT available until Thursday, September 10 at 8am.

For complete information, go to:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>

Scroll down to Horse Show and you will see:

- [State Horse Show Information](#)
- [Registration Instructions for State Horse Show](#)
- [Class Schedule](#)

- [State Fair Horse Show T-Shirt Design](#)
- [State Fair Stall Requests](#)
- [Kansas State Fair ShoWorks](#) (Class entries, stalling, jump-outs, t-shirts)

Click on the links for obtain entry information. If you have questions, please contact your local Extension Office.

## Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV)

The Kansas Department of Agriculture confirmed a number of cases of vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) in Butler, Cowley Greenwood, Marion, Sedgwick, and Sumner counties. All potential cases are contained in the South Central region of Kansas.

Positive premises are placed on a 14-day quarantine from the date of the last diagnosis. KDA, and local vets, will continue to investigate and issue quarantines to mitigate the spread of the virus. At this time, they are confident that with everyone's cooperation, this outbreak will be able to be controlled.

Visit the [KDA website](#) for additional information as well as a webinar recording hosted by Butler County Extension.

We will continue to work with KDA and update local units as needed.

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## Hoof Care

The value of a horse depends on his ability to do work. In this, four sound feet are indispensable. You will need to be able to identify the parts of a horse's foot in order to take better care of the horse's feet.

Interestingly, foot troubles and the necessity for shoeing are largely man-made issues. The wild horse seems to be practically free of serious foot troubles. It's not until the horse was domesticated that foot problems appeared.

Man brought the horse from softer pastures to hard roads; from self-regulated exercise to enforced work; from healthy, clean pasture to confined, filthy stabling where he is often made to stand in his own excreta or in mud; and from a light, self-limiting maintenance diet to a heavy, artificial diet necessary for work. Even the basically sound horse often breaks down under the artificial environment and misguided "care" of man.

A horse with serious conformational defect is almost certain to break down under these conditions.

### Hoof Care Basics

Important points in the care of a horse's feet include keeping them clean, preventing them from drying out, and trimming them so they retain their proper shape and length.

### Cleaning & Inspecting Hooves

Each day, horses that are stabled or shod should have their feet picked out.

To pick up a front hoof, stand next to the horse's shoulder, facing the rear. Place your hand on the horse's

shoulder, and then run it down the back of his leg. This way you won't surprise him by suddenly grabbing his foot.

Strongly pinch the tendons on the back of the cannon near the pastern. When he lifts his foot, grasp it securely in your hand. Keeping the joints flexed will help you keep hold of the hoof, but don't flex his hoof all the way to his abdomen.

To pick up a rear hoof, stand next to the horse's hip, facing the rear. Place your hand on the horse's hip, and then run it down the back of his leg. Again, pinch the tendons on the back of the cannon near the pastern. When he lifts his leg, grasp it and first pull is gently up toward his abdomen, and then back behind him slightly so you can hold it to clean it out.

Don't hold the back feet too high off the ground or the horse will probably struggle with you as he is uncomfortable. Try to keep the cannon bone perpendicular with the ground.

Use a hoof pick to clean the foot out, working from the heel of the foot toward the toe. Be sure to clean out the depressions between the frog and the bars of the foot. While you are cleaning the foot, inspect it for loose shoes, hoof damage, or disease.

Thrush is the most common hoof disease. It is caused by a lack of cleanliness and is characterized by a pungent, foul odor and a blackish discharge from the area around the frog. This disease can cause lameness if left untreated.

A mild case can be treated by applying household bleach to the frog area daily for one to three days. More severe cases require commercial preparations. Bleach dries the foot out if used too often. The commercial preparations maintain moisture in the foot while curing the problem.

A healthy horse will normally rest his hind feet by alternating the weight from one foot to the other. However, the weight on the front feet is usually shared equally on both legs. If a horse points or rests a front foot, it may be an indication of trouble. Any swelling or heat in the feet or legs should also be considered a sign of trouble.

### Dry Hooves

Hooves occasionally become dry and brittle, particularly in horses that are kept in stalls and ridden in arenas a lot. Hooves in this condition may split or crack and produce lameness.

The frog, which helps absorb shock and concussion as the horse moves, can become dry as well. A dry frog loses its elasticity and is no longer an effective shock absorber. If the dryness is prolonged, the frog shrinks and the heels contract.

Dry hooves can be prevented by allowing the horse to stand in an area that's damp for a period of time each day. Often, watering the ground around a water tank will accomplish this goal. You can also pack the hooves with wet clay -- after they've been cleaned out!

*Source: Beginning Horse Management, Ohio State University Extension 4-H 174*

