

HORSE HEALTH FORM

2011 State 4-H Horse School

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Every effort will be made to assure that your horse gets the proper care and attention this week during 4-H Horse School. In the event your horse should sustain an injury or become ill, we have access to the veterinarians and farriers in the Perry area. The veterinarians will be on-call 24 hours each day.

Services by the local veterinarian or farrier in treating your horse will be billed directly to you. You will be expected to pay for these services on June 16, 2011.

Your signature on this form grants us permission to consult the Veterinary Clinic or Farrier if, in our judgment, such action is warranted. When possible, you will be contacted by phone before any action is taken.

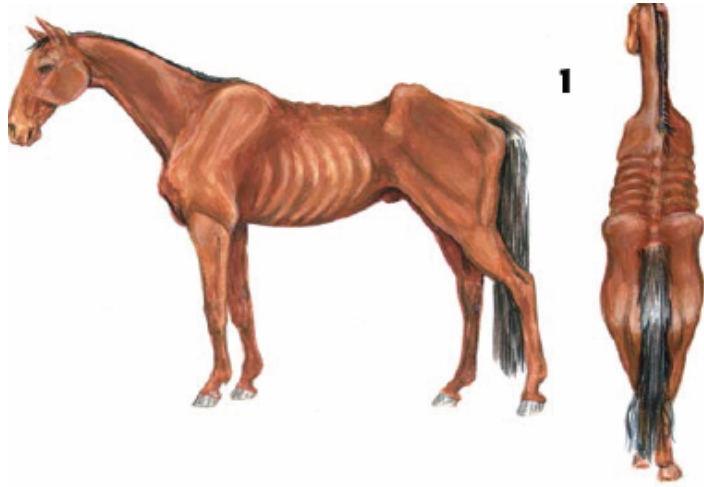
4-Her's Name:	
Name of Owner:	Home Phone:
Street:	Work Phone/Cell Phone:
City:	Zip:
Horse's Name:	
Breed:	Stall:

Brief medical history: List current vaccinations and/or recent health problems, i.e. colic, colds, founder, etc.

Body Condition Score at present time is: _____ (see back for chart). I agree that my horse is sound (no obvious lameness) and in good condition (greater than 4) to complete Horse School.

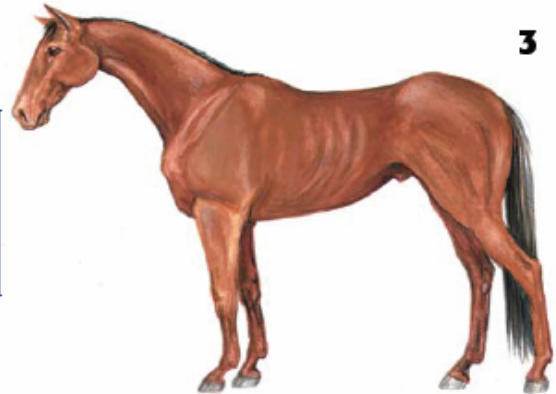
_____ Participant Signature

_____ Parent/Trainer Signature



SCORE	DESCRIPTION
1	POOR Horse is extremely emaciated. The backbone, ribs, hipbones, and tailhead project prominently. Bone structure of the withers, shoulders, and neck easily noticeable. No fatty tissues can be felt.
2	VERY THIN Horse is emaciated. Slight fat covering over vertebrae. Backbone, ribs, tailhead, and hipbones are prominent. Withers, shoulders, and neck structures are discernible.

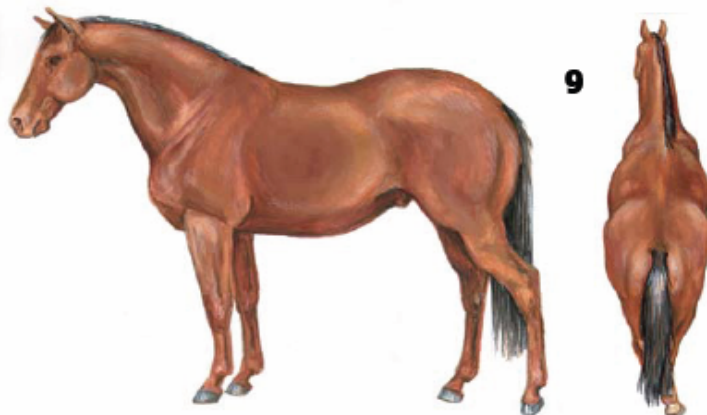
3	THIN Fat built up about halfway on vertebrae. Slight fat layer can be felt over ribs, but ribs easily discernible. The tailhead is evident, but individual vertebrae cannot be seen. The hipbones cannot be seen, but withers, shoulder, and neck are emphasized.
4	MODERATELY THIN Negative crease along back. Faint outline of ribs can be seen. Fat can be felt along tailhead. Hip bones cannot be seen. Withers, neck, and shoulders not obviously thin.



ILLUSTRATIONS BY DR. ROBIN PETERSON; BASED ON TAMU BODY CONDITION SCORE



5	MODERATE Back is level. Ribs can be felt, but not easily seen. Fat around tailhead beginning to feel spongy. Withers are rounded and shoulders and neck blend smoothly into the body.
6	MODERATELY FLESHY May have a slight crease down the back. Fat on the tailhead feels soft. Fat over the ribs feels spongy. Fat beginning to be deposited along the sides of the withers, behind the shoulders, and along the neck.
7	FLESHY A crease is seen down the back. Individual ribs can be felt, but noticeable filling between ribs with fat. Fat around tailhead is soft. Noticeable fat deposited along the withers, behind the shoulders, and along the neck.



8	FAT Crease down back is prominent. Ribs difficult to feel due to fat in between. Fat around tailhead very soft. Area along withers filled with fat. Area behind shoulders filled in flush with the barrel of the body. Noticeable thickening of neck. Fat deposited along the inner buttocks.
9	EXTREMELY FAT Obvious crease down back. Fat is in patches over rib area, with bulging fat over tailhead, withers, neck, and behind shoulders. Fat along inner buttocks may rub together. Flank is filled in flush with the barrel of the body.

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Table I. Body Condition Score

CONDITION	NECK	WITHERS	SHOULDER	RIBS	BACK/LOIN	TAILHEAD
1 POOR ¹	Bone structure easily noticeable.	Bone structure easily noticeable.	Bone structure easily noticeable.	Ribs projecting prominently. No fatty tissue can be felt.	Spinous processes project prominently.	Tailhead, point of buttocks and hip bones projecting prominently.
2 VERY THIN	Faintly discernible.	Faintly discernible.	Faintly discernible.	Ribs prominent.	Spinous processes are prominent. Transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded.	Tailhead prominent. Hip bones prominent. Point of buttocks prominent.
3 THIN	Neck accentuated.	Withers accentuated.	Shoulder accentuated.	Slight fat cover over ribs. Ribs easily discernible.	Fat build-up halfway on spinous processes but easily discernible. Transverse processes cannot be felt.	Tailhead prominent but individual vertebrae cannot be visually identified. Bones appear rounded, but are still easily discernible. Point of buttocks not discernible.
4 MODERATELY THIN	Neck not obviously thin.	Withers not obviously thin.	Shoulder not obviously thin.	Faint outline discernible.	Slight ridge along back.	Prominence depends on conformation; fat can be felt. Hip bones not discernible.
5 MODERATE	Neck blends smoothly into shoulders.	Withers rounded over spinous processes.	Shoulder blends smoothly into body.	Ribs cannot be visually distinguished, but can be easily felt.	Back level; no ridge or crease.	Fat around tailhead beginning to feel spongy.
6 MODERATELY FLESHY	Fat beginning to be deposited along side of neck.	Fat beginning to be deposited along side of withers.	Fat beginning to be deposited behind shoulders.	Fat over ribs feels spongy.	May have slight crease down back.	Fat around tailhead feels soft.
7 FLESHY	Fat deposited along neck.	Fat deposited along withers.	Fat deposited behind shoulder.	Individual ribs can be felt; noticeable, filling between ribs with fat.	May have crease down back.	Fat around tailhead is soft.
8 FAT	Noticeable thickening of neck.	Area along withers filled with fat.	Area behind shoulder filled in flush with body.	Difficult to feel ribs.	Crease down back.	Tailhead fat very soft.
9 EXTREMELY FAT	Bulging fat along neck.	Bulging fat along withers.	Bulging fat behind shoulder.	Patchy fat appearing over ribs.	Obvious crease down back Flank filled with fat.	Bulging fat around tailhead.

¹Horse extremely emaciated; no fatty tissue can be felt.