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Driving Horse Optional Focus Area Skills Checklist

Member's name: _____

Mastering these Driving Horse skills will provide a solid foundation upon which the member may build. To achieve success in this project the skills listed below will help 4-H leaders know what to teach and 4-H members to know what they need to learn. Have your leader initial and date each skill as completed. Each level may take more than one year to complete.

Level 1

1. Name the parts of the harness.
2. Name the parts of the cart.
3. Demonstrate how to properly hold the reins and whip to drive.
4. With the help of an adult, learn how to harness and hitch your horse or pony to the cart.
5. Drive the horse or pony with your leader or other responsible adult in the cart with you:
 - a. At a walk
 - b. At a trot
 - c. At an extended trot
 - d. Back the animal and cart
 - e. Change directions

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Level 2 – Complete Level 1 before proceeding to level 2

1. Explain how to clean and oil a leather harness and how to inspect for wear.
2. Explain how to inspect nylon harness for wear.
3. Name four types of bits used in driving and describe how and when each is used.
4. Name three aids used in driving a horse and explain how they are used to guide and direct the horse.
5. Perform the following skills driving your horse:
 - a. Back your animal and vehicle
 - b. Stop at a mail box (post letter)
 - c. Figure eight at walk, trot, and extended trot
 - d. Clover leaf at walk, trot
 - e. 360 degree turn
 - f. Exact stop (wheel on base)
 - g. Pass between two vehicles
 - h. Cross a bridge

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| Level 3 – Complete Level 2 before proceeding to level 3 | Date Completed | Approved By |
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| 1. Perform the following skills with a team of two animals and with a four-wheel vehicle: | | |
| a. Back your animals and vehicle | _____ | _____ |
| b. Figure eight at walk, trot, and extended trot | _____ | _____ |
| c. Clover leaf at walk, trot (if vehicle allows) | _____ | _____ |
| d. 360 degree turn (if vehicle allows) | _____ | _____ |
| e. Exact stop (wheel on base) | _____ | _____ |
| f. Pass between two vehicles | _____ | _____ |
| g. Cross a bridge | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Make a list of state highway driving laws that you must obey when driving your horse on the open road | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Leadership | | |
| a. Help teach a related 4-H project | _____ | _____ |
| b. Demonstrate driving skills to other 4-H members | _____ | _____ |

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