

## **FIFTH STAR**

MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

The 5<sup>th</sup> Star test is to be administered by a 4-H staff member or volunteer with horse expertise, not including the member's parent. It is to consist of written and oral questions and identification, and a demonstration of practical skills. It is a cumulative test to include information and skills from the first four stars as well as some additional items as below.

1. Describe or be able to answer questions about the body condition scoring system in current use (i.e., in 2019, the Henneke system) and demonstrate how to use a weight tape.
2. Describe or be able to answer questions about the basics of internal parasite control for horses, including fecal counts, deworming and hygiene, as recommended by the American Association of Equine Practitioners.
3. Describe or be able to answer questions about the qualities of good hay for horses.
4. Know the normal values for a horse's vital signs and demonstrate how to take a temperature, and how to count heart rate and respiration rate.
5. Know the current recommendations of the American Association of Equine Practitioners for core vaccines for horses.
6. Describe a 4-H pleasure or hack class, western or English, including the procedure for the class, rules and what the judge is looking for.
7. Demonstrate your riding ability on a horse that you have not previously ridden. To be judged are:
  - a. Adjustment of tack.
  - b. Safe mounting and dismounting.
  - c. Riding simple patterns including walk, trot or jog, canter or lope on specified lead, changes of lead (simple or flying,) rein back, turns on forehand, halt, changes of direction.