

# Montcalm County



## Horse and Pony Cart/Driving Project Supplement Book

*(to be used as a supplement to the horse/pony record book)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Leader: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Objectives of the 4-H Horse Cart/Driving Project:

- \_\_\_\_\_ To develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, and sportsmanship.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To experience the pride and responsibility of owning a horse or pony and to learn care, feeding, and management of the animal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To learn safety precautions to prevent injuries to themselves, to others, or to their horse/pony.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To prepare for citizenship responsibilities by working together in groups and supporting community projects and activities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To appreciate cart driving as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation. I understand that this is a **completed** Horse Project Record Book as required.

4-H'ers Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Leader's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Why Keep Records?

When was your horse wormed? What does your horse eat? How much bedding do you use?

Careful record-keeping helps to answer these and other "hard-to-answer" questions at a moment's notice.

Properly kept records will give you a clear picture of what you have done in your horse project. In fact, at the end of the year, you will have solid facts rather than haphazard "guesstimates".

Keep this record as a part of your 4-H member personal record, as this information is helpful if you ever apply for 4-H awards or a 4-H scholarship.

REMEMBER: Records are not only for your benefit...they are the key to your horse's future!

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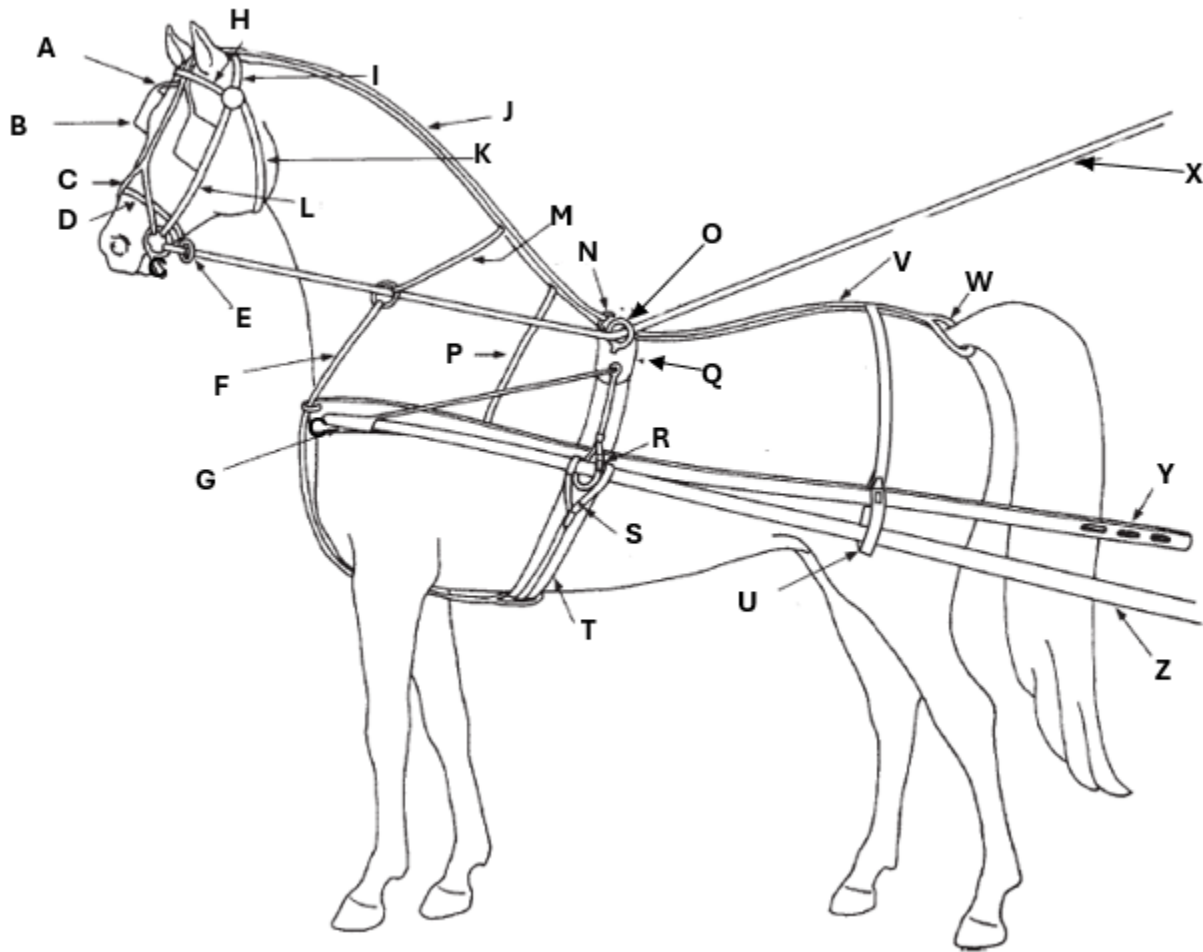
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# Educational Page – Breast Collar Harness Diagram



\_\_\_ Backstrap

\_\_\_ Bellyband

\_\_\_ Blinder Stays

\_\_\_ Blinders

\_\_\_ Browband

\_\_\_ Cavesson/Noseband

\_\_\_ Cheek Pieces

\_\_\_ Crown Piece

\_\_\_ Crupper

\_\_\_ Kicking Strap

\_\_\_ Neckstrap

\_\_\_ Overcheck

\_\_\_ Overcheck Rein

\_\_\_ Reins

\_\_\_ Rein Stops

\_\_\_ Running Martingale

\_\_\_ Saddle or Backpad

\_\_\_ Shafts

\_\_\_ Shaft Loops

\_\_\_ Terret Hook

\_\_\_ Terret Rings

\_\_\_ Thimbles

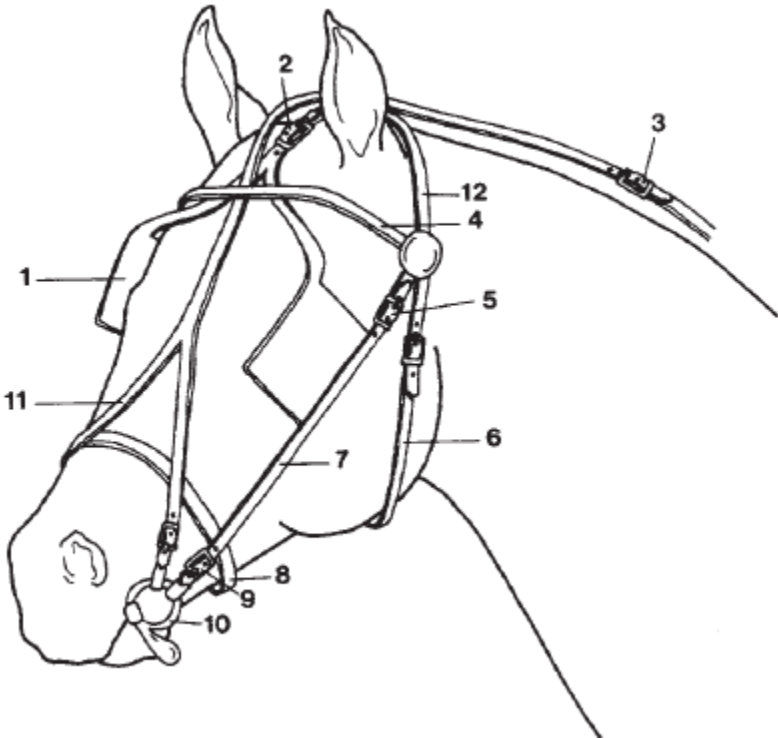
\_\_\_ Thong

\_\_\_ Throat Latch

\_\_\_ Traces (Tugs)

\_\_\_ Wrap Straps

# Educational Page – Driving Bridle Diagram



\_\_\_ Bit Adjustment

\_\_\_ Blinder

\_\_\_ Blinder Adjustment

\_\_\_ Blinder Stay Adjustment

\_\_\_ Browband

\_\_\_ Cavesson / Noseband

\_\_\_ Cheekpiece

\_\_\_ Crown Piece

\_\_\_ Driving Snaffle

\_\_\_ Overcheck Rein

\_\_\_ Overcheck Rein Adjustment

\_\_\_ Throatlatch

# Educational Page – Glossary of Terms

Fill in the blanks with the correct term

**Bight Breeching/Britchen Buggy Cart Cavesson Crupper Header Impulsion  
Reinback Singletree Sulky Traces Travois Turnout Wagon Walk**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A regular four-beat gait – should be forward, energetic and marching, without being sluggish or hurried.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Heavy straps that attach to the breast collar or hames and to the vehicle.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ One who stands at the head of the horse, specifically during an arena lineup.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The part of a harness that passes around the rump of a driving animal to act as a brake when stopping the vehicle.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Leather loop passing under the horse's tail and fastened to the backstrap of the harness to keep the harness in place.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Driver, horse, harness, and vehicle fitted for a show.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Two poles attached to the animal with free ends dragging on the ground, and a platform for carrying the load. Used in ground training to accustom the horse to the pull of a vehicle.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ A slack part, a loop, or excess reins.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Increase in the energy and power of the horse's push-off from the ground.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Four-wheeled vehicle, esp. U.S.A
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Four-wheeled, heavy vehicle for hauling freight.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Two-wheeled vehicle, wooden or metal.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Light, two-wheeled racing cart for one person.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Pivoting horizontal crossbar on the vehicle, to which the harness traces are attached.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Backward motion in which the legs are raised and set down simultaneously in diagonal pairs, with hind legs remaining well in line. The horse must move backward in an unhurried manner, with head flexed and straight, pushing the vehicle back in a straight line.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Noseband to help keep the horse's mouth closed.

# Project Review

(use additional pages if needed)

How many years have you been working on this project? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this project? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are three goals that you had at the start of this year?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

While working towards your goals, what are some things that you learned along the way?

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Based on the goals that you set, were you able to accomplish all three? What will you change up for next year, to ensure that you meet your goals and improve your project overall?

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# **Project Photos**

**(use additional pages if needed)**