

## Horse Definitions

1. Ownership  
Any horse owned by the 4H horse project member or their immediate family.
  
2. Lease/Managerial  
Any horse that is owned by someone other than the 4H member, but is under the care and management of a 4H youth. The 4H youth working under such agreement should be working with the horse several months prior to the showing at the fair.  
A horse being leased/managed by an experienced equestrian, 4H youth, or adult 4H Horse Project Leader may be used by a horseless horse youth at the discretion of the WI Valley Horse Superintendent(s) **and** the Junior Fair Superintendent (4H Youth Development Agent).
  
3. Horseless Horse  
This is an introductory program for the 4-H Horse Project. Youth may participate in Horseless Horse for up to two years (after which time the youth is expected to move on to managerial, lease, or ownership status). Any horse being used by a horseless horse 4H member must be owned by a current 4H project member, 4H leader, or 4H family. The horse may be shown at fairs and 4-H events by both the 4-H project exhibitor and the 4-H Horseless Horse participant. Youth who own/lease a horse, or if their immediate family owns/leases a horse, are not eligible for participation in the Horseless Horse program.

### Considerations for Allowing a Horseless Horse Youth to Use a Leased Horse

A horse being leased/managed **may** be used by a Horseless Horse Youth if the following conditions have been met:

- a. Have written permission from the horse's owner
- b. The leasing/managing 4H youth working with the horseless horse must be at least 14 years of age
- c. The leasing/managing *4H youth and horse must have shown together* at a previous WI Valley Fair
- d. The leasing/managing 4H youth and horseless horse youth must receive permission from the WI Valley Fair Horse Superintendent to show at the WI Valley Fair in the Horseless Horse Category.
- e. An **experienced** adult 4H Horse Project leader who is leasing/managing a reliable horse may also work with a horseless horse youth

**Safety is the primary consideration! The Wis. Valley Horse Superintendent(s) and 4-H Youth Development Agent (Junior Fair Superintendent) will make the final decision based on individual circumstances and situation. This permission is for the current year only and will need to be re-evaluated each enrollment year thereafter.**