

### Events to look forward to:

#### Equine Judge's Seminar

- December 1, 2012

#### Companion Animal and Wildlife Career Day

- December 5, 2012

#### Horsin Around

- January 12, 2013
- January 13, 2013

#### Stampede

- March 16, 2013

### Free Canine Nutritional Webinar Series

#### Dog Nutrition

- ◆ Nov. 15, 2012  
7pm CST/ 8pm EST

#### Pet Food Ingredients

- ◆ Nov. 29, 2012  
TBA

#### Considerations of Feeding Raw Diets

- ◆ Dec. 6, 2012  
7pm CST/ 8pm EST

#### Obesity Management

- ◆ Dec. 13, 2012  
7pm CST/ 8pm EST

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## Horse Judging By: Lena Cottle Equine Extension Specialist

Judging horses, like all livestock judging, is an art that must be developed through patient study and long practice. A horse judge must:

- Know the parts of a horse and their location
- Know which parts are most important and the most desirable form of each part
- Visualize the ideal horse, perfect in all respects
- Make keen observations of horses and compare them to the ideal
- Weigh the good and bad points of each horse
- Develop a system of examining horses so you won't overlook important points
- Know all penalties associated with the individual classes
- Know what correct maneuvers look like and be able to visualize them

Horse judging will require a general background in horses. The background information is necessary in order to distinguish animals from one another, and to highlight desirable and undesirable traits. Finally, individuals judging horses must be familiar with the criteria used in appraising conformation and performance classes. This is essential for gaining the ability to critically compare horses within a class, as well

as comparing each to an ideal type.

#### Developing a set of oral reasons:

Defending the placing can be the most challenging and rewarding experience encountered by a judge. A successful defense is characterized by an organized presentation of pertinent facts delivered in a articulate and confident manner. Once the student has developed into a successful horse judge, he/she has acquired the ability to make keen observations, and to clearly and confidently express his/her thoughts. These skills will be valuable the rest of their lives.



Judging contests normally consist of 4-8 halter and performance classes of four animals each. Contestants receive scores based on how they placed a particular class as compared to how contest officials placed the class. The closer the contestant's opinion is to the officials', the higher the score received. A correct placing receives a score of 50

points. Points are deducted from 50 for placing which differ from the official placing. The amount deducted is based on the relative difference between the animals being judged. A small cut indicates that the animals being compared are very similar, while large cuts indicate that considerable and obvious differences exist.

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### Companion Animal and Wildlife Career Day

December 5, 2012  
9:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

#### Event Highlights

- ◆ Career Panel
  - ◇ Zoo, Pet Food Company, Humane Society, Game and Parks Directors and Experts
- ◆ Student Panels
  - ◇ Learn about internships and careers
- ◆ Educational Sessions

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# Trailriding Opportunities

By: Kathy Potthoff

After the show season ends and through the fall and winter you may be searching for more opportunities to spend time riding. This is a great time to consider trailriding with your horses and friends.

The benefits of trailriding are many and would include:

- spending more time outdoors and learning about nature and the environment
- Increased exercise during preparation time as well as ride time
- increased ride time to increase skills and experience

Here are a few tips to get you out on the trail:

**Horse Selection** – match the rider ability to the horse - select the horse that is quiet, calm, and experienced for the less experienced riders.

**Preparation** – practice in a controlled setting such as an arena. Make sure that all riders can maneuver their horses and have control. Encourage adult riders or parents to ride with the group. Mix the experienced riders throughout the group so that they may mentor less experienced riders or riders with new horses. Ask experienced people to go with you as most are willing to share their knowledge and expertise to help other horse enthusiasts. Start with a small sized group that has experienced riders dispersed throughout the whole group. Know whether or not any of the adult rider's horses will pony a horse beside their horse if necessary. All riders are to stay behind the ride leader/ trail boss at all times. All riders should stay with the group until the ride completion. Have someone know where you will go and planned route. Plan ahead and document emergency phone numbers and how to give location directions.

**Trail Selection** – start with a trail that is not overly tough terrain and start with a shorter length of time. The trail terrain should be

matched with the physical shape of the horse. Don't take an out of shape horse to a location that has tough canyons or deep sandy hills. Avoid trails that have ice or snow with bad footing which can lead to injuries.

**Stay Alert While Riding** – A horse's vision is different in that horses



do not see directly in front or in back of their body. Horses also do not have good depth perception due to the placement of their eyes on the sides of their head. Horses are prey animals (not predator animals) so they have a higher flight response to run away when something scares them. Some things to remember: wildlife, fireworks, dogs, hunters, and people approaching too quickly or too excited. Horses may not see holes (fox, badger, prairie dog, or abandoned fence post holes) so it is good to keep alert. Also it is possible to see a snake or encounter bees while on the trail. Quietly move past the snake or turn and give them more space and they should slither away from the noise of the horses approaching. For bees, it is good to move calmly but quickly away from their area to avoid multiple stings. Horses can have the flight response when encountering bees. The rider does want to warn other riders to keep out of that area.

**Horse Trails** - Stay on trails designated for horses. Some trails are shared with others such as: bicyclists, walkers, joggers, baby strollers, dog walkers, ATV's, fishermen, campers, and others. Use the Boot & Scoot Technique so that if your horse poops on a shared trail, get off and use your boot to push the pile off of the trail then head on down the trail. Carry any trash to proper disposal location. Very

importantly don't ride on muddy trails. It is better to postpone a ride rather than damage to the trail.

To receive an expanded handout with additional information about Trailriding and Trailriding Safety, contact Kathy Potthoff at [kpotthoff1@unl.edu](mailto:kpotthoff1@unl.edu).

Also for a listing and information on trails in Nebraska check out the Nebraska Horse Council web page and follow the links to the trails information. This information is provided courtesy of Horsetrailriders.com which are also interested in adding additional trail locations and information. Phone numbers and contact information for trails are listed when available so trailriders can call before they haul. The Nebraska Horse Trails Committee is also greatly involved in these efforts and works on goals around conservation and promotion of horse trail use throughout Nebraska and to provide educational opportunities as well as other goals related to their mission.

- Nebraska Horse Council
- <http://nebraskahorsecouncil.org/> Click on the 'trails' link at the top of the page and then click on 'horse trails' from the drop down menu

Additional Resources and Information - eXtension Horses  
<http://www.extension.org/horses>

Breed Web pages – many have trailriding information

Nebraska 4-H Trailride – held in the fall at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp at Halsey

Facebook Group: Nebraska State 4-H Camp Trail Ride



# Nebraska State 4-H Companion Animal Results

The 2012 Nebraska State Fair was held August 22<sup>nd</sup>-September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE. Congratulations to all the participants and Champions at the years Nebraska State Fair!!!

Complete State Fair results can be found at :<http://www.nebraska4hresults.com/>.



## Dog Obedience

### Beginning Novice-A

Madison Marker from Adams County

### Beginning Novice-B

Michayla Goedeken from Platte County

### Novice

Jacey Sutton from Saunders Country

### Graduate Novice

Jessica Marisch from Buffalo Country

### Dog Showmanship

#### Senior

Kascade Tollman from Red Willow Country

#### Intermediate

Michayla Goedeken from Platte County

#### Junior

Mattie Bumgarner from Custer County

### Dog Agility

#### Agility Level I

Morgan Stromer from Adams County



### Agility Level 2

Carlyn Willis from Hall County

### Agility Level 3

Mary Storm from Frontier County

### Agility Level 4

Dariana Burr from Adams County

### Companion Animal Awards

#### Best of Show Cats

Paige Meier from Cuming County

#### Best of Show Companion Animals

Dariana Burr from Adams County

#### Rabbit Awards

##### Best of Show

Alissa Martindale from Douglas/Sarpy County

#### Senior Rabbit Showman

Mariah Moore from Douglas/Sarpy County

#### Intermediate Rabbit Showman

Nicole Martindale from Douglas/Sarpy County

#### Junior Rabbit Showman

Mariah Dather from Knox County

## Horse Judging DVD

Want to practice your Horse Judging skills at home?



You can now order "Presenting Oral Reasons for Horse Judging Contests" DVD. This interactive DVD is great for any Horse Judging coach or member. You will learn to take notes, organize a set of reasons, and deliver reasons on a halter and performance class.



**Where:** The website to order the DVD is:

<http://marketplace.unl.edu/extension/extpubs/animal-science/dvd229-1835.html>

Cost: \$25

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# 4-H Classic Class at the Nebraska Silver Classic

By: Kathy Anderson

## UNL Extension Horse Specialist

Since 2008, the Quarter Horse Association of Nebraska, Silver Classic Futurity and JR Reichert Ventures have reached out to Nebraska 4-H youth by sponsoring a special class at the fall Silver Classic Futurity. J.R. Reichert and Tom Kirshenbaum wanted to give 4-H'ers a taste of competing at AQHA shows so developed this special class.

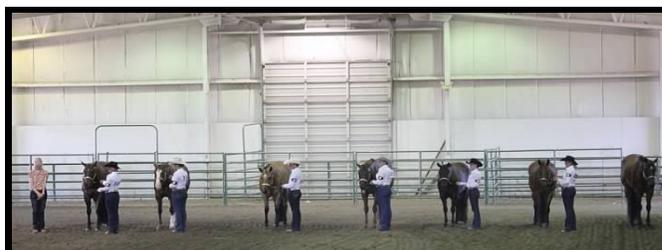
All 4-H'ers that were finalists in Junior or Senior Western Pleasure or received a purple ribbon in the Advanced Western Pleasure class at the Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show were eligible to compete, regardless of the breed of horse they rode. Each July, over 150 youth compete in Western Pleasure at the State 4-H Horse show. They first must have qualified at a District 4-H horse show, then ride through numerous heats before being selected to the finals. This opportunity is extremely well received and appreciated by Nebraska 4-H'ers. In the 5 years of sponsoring this class, over 120 youth have competed which is nearly 90% of those eligible.

J.R. Reichert has provided nearly \$12,500 in sponsorship which has been split among all of those competing in the Junior or Senior class. To make the class even more special, exhibitors write a short biography about themselves and their horses and are introduced as they entered the arena down the center, in their 4-H attire, between all four Silver Classic Futurity Judges - something of a new experience for most of them! Additionally, there are no entry fees or stall fees for those competing in this class and youth with AQHA horses are invited to compete in novice classes free of charge. Therefore, over 80% of those with AQHA horses have competed in additional classes at the Silver Classic Futurity and indicated they would return in future years.

When youth were asked about showing in this class, over 90% indicated it was a very positive and worthwhile experience, they would certainly compete again, introducing themselves and their horses was very "special", and the felt welcomed at the show. Some comments from the youth include "I view participation in the class as an honor and an extremely thankful for the opportunity to compete with other 4-Hers with similar goals from across the state".

Thus, the 4-H Classic Class at the Nebraska Silver Classic has been a tremendous opportunity for Nebraska 4-H'ers to participate in something new and different and they are very appreciative of J.R. Reichert and the Nebraska Quarter Horse Association for this opportunity.

### Photos from the State 4-H Horse Show



### 4-H Horse Show Judge

The seminar will feature

- General judging information
  - Rule Book Changes
  - Certification Exam
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

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### Adult Equine Judge's Seminar

Would you like to become a certified NE 4-H Horse Show Judge?

December 1st, 2012  
10:00 am—4:00 pm

Please register by: Nov. 16, 2012  
<http://animalscience.unl.edu/web/ansci/ansc4hhorseshowjudgescertification>

## Department of Animal Science

Are you interested in a career with companion animals or horses?

The Department of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln offers

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### 4-H Youth Compete at Quarter Horse Congress

Five Douglas/Sarpy 4-H members made the trek to Columbus, Ohio, to participate in the All American Quarter Horse Congress for their first time. Taylor Barnes entered in Public Speaking, while Rachel Bukoskie, Catherine Jones, Alissa Martindale, and Mariah Moore competed in Hippology. The youth had a great time and appreciated the opportunity to represent Nebraska in the biggest National competition they have seen! Not only is it the largest single-breed show in the world, but the knowledge contests and competitors were more numerous and tougher than what we have experienced in Denver at the Western National Roundup. This contest included not only many of those same youth but also more

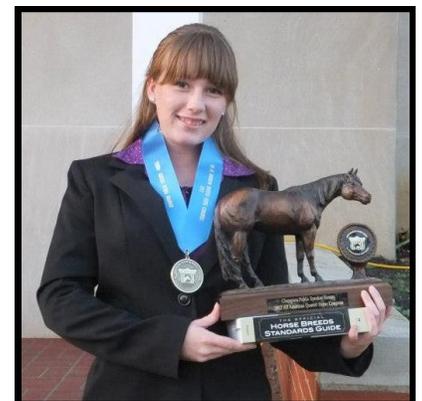
that compete in the Eastern division as well as other teams not involved in 4-H. Being a part of such an impressive venue and watching a few of the riding, halter and driving class finals was an exciting addition to the trip.

Along with enjoying shopping at the multitude of vendors and sharing many laughs and memories over the four-day trip, the girls did great in competition and made us all proud! Taylor was named Champion in Public Speaking with her "The End in Mind" speech about responsible horse breeding, putting a humorous spin on a very important and relevant topic. She won by one point against solid competition to take home the top medal, trophy, \$100 gift certificate and reference book. The Hippology team had a tougher go with completing all four of their phases in one day versus over two days like at State and Denver. They also encountered a much more detailed test and stations as well as only having five minutes to prepare their Team Problems that also included props to analyze and use. Definitely a test of their knowledge and preparation! Out of 19 teams and 71 individuals competing, the team achieved 7<sup>th</sup> Overall with 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals in the Judging Phase and 5<sup>th</sup> place medals in the Team Problem Phase. Rachel also received Individual medals for 5<sup>th</sup> place in Written Test and 9<sup>th</sup> place in Stations, helping her earn 6<sup>th</sup> place Overall Individual, a huge honor!



Mariah Moore also picked up an individual medal for 8<sup>th</sup> place in the Judging Phase. Overall, it was a successful and fun experience, and we were proud to represent Nebraska at Congress!

-Submitted by Sheri Parys



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**Kathy Potthoff**, UNL 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator – has been with the UNL with experience working in the Southwest Four Extension Program Unit and the Nebraska State 4-H Office. Kathy is working with 4-H programming in animal science areas of horse and companion animals, youth development and volunteer training, and cultural competence.

She has presented 4-H educational programs on the national, regional, state, and local levels in Positive Youth Development, Volunteer Development, Cultural Education, Outdoors, Companion Animals, Horse, and other Animal Science areas.



**Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal**, assistant professor in Companion Animal Science. Lisa received a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Illinois State University and then received her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in Companion Animal Nutrition. Her research has focused on nutrition of dogs, cats, and other non-ruminant animals.

She advises undergraduate students and teaches courses, in Companion Animals. She also serves as the adviser to Students for Education of Companion and Exotic Animals. She oversees and develops youth extension and outreach programming related to companion animal care and management.



**Dr. Lena Cottle**, Equine Extension Specialist. Lena received her bachelor's degree in Equine Business and Industry, a master's degree in Animal Science and a doctorate degree in Systems Agriculture from West Texas A&M University.

She oversees and develops youth extension and outreach programming related to the horse. She is taking over the 4-H Horse Youth activities including but not limited to the Stampede, District and State 4-H Horse Shows, 4-H Horse Show Judges clinics, and other youth related activities.

