Level III Record Sheet

4-H MEMBER'S NAME ______________________

HORSE'S NAME _____________________________

(Horse must be the member's 4-H project horse and be identified on a current ID sheet.)

The 4-H member qualifying for this level should know and be using the basics covered in previous levels. He or she should demonstrate abilities in handling horses that clearly show competence gained in actually performing more advanced work based upon the basic points learned. Response and willingness of the horse to the rider's commands will have bearing on judging the rider's qualifications. At this stage the members should understand the techniques of gaits, feeding, aging a horse and disease factors. In order to pass Level III, the 4-H'er must show proficiency and confidence in ALL portions of the test: written, demonstration, written report and skills. Once a section has been passed, it need not be repeated. However, if a member fails to pass a section of the levels test, that entire-section must be repeated (i.e., retake the written exam or retake the entire Skills Test).

Each section may be repeated as many times as necessary for successful completion. NOTE: The entire riding portion of Level III must be done with a single horse and be ridden with one hand on the reins (Western riders) or two-handed (English riders). Exception: Horses 4 years old or younger, if ridden with a snaffle bit or bosal as described in the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide, may be ridden two-handed.

The horse used for the Skills Test should be 3 years old or older.

I. Club Demonstration

a. Give a club demonstration on any of the subjects listed on page 22 of the manual. (Demonstration should be completed prior to the Written and Skills Test. Suggested length: 10-20 minutes) NOTE: A different demonstration must be done for each horsemanship level.

Topic of demonstration ______________________

Date ____________ Leaders signature ______________________

II. Written Report

a. A written report (minimum of 2 pages) oh how the horse responded to training in preparation for the Level III Skills Test. If any difficulties were encountered in any one or more of the maneuvers, tell what they were and what was done to correct them. (Report is due on or before the day of the riding test.)

Written report in ______________________

Date ______________ Leaders signature ______________________
III. Feeds Chart

a. Develop a table to demonstrate balancing a ration for your horse. List feeds available, amounts, requirements, nutrients lacking or oversupplied and costs.

Table turned in ______________

Date _______ Leaders signature ______________________________

IV. Health Care Paper

a. A paper (minimum of 2 pages) on common parasites and diseases and how to control both. Set up a disease and parasite prevention program with your veterinarian and summarize your program in your paper. You should include dates, vaccines, de-wormers, methods, of administration, etc.

Paper turned in ______________

Date _______________ Leader's signature_______________________________

V. Written Examination

(Individuals who administer the exam should realize some youth may have special needs and should use their judgment on the method of administration.)

a. A written examination must be completed with a minimum grade of 80 percent. This examination is available through your Extension office and/or club leader.

Written exam grade _________________

Date ________________ Leader's signature_______________________________

VI. Skills Test

a. A Skills Test demonstrating the 4-H'ers proficiency of horsemanship, horse handling, horse gaits and care must be completed. The 4-H'er must complete each and every portion of the Skills Test to pass the Horseman level.

Skills Test successfully completed ________________________

Date ________________ Tester's signature _________________________

Based on this examination, the above 4-H member (has) (has not) passed the Horseman Level III.

Date _______________ Examiner _________________________________