



Lancaster County 4-H 2017 Horse Incentive Program

Jan. 1–June 30, 2017

Due to Extension office no later than July 17

Any Lancaster County 4-H'er can participate in the horse incentive program and log hours/points by participating in the various activities listed below. The more time you invest, the more valuable the reward!

How it works: track the number of hours/points you participate in horse activities on the provided logs sheets starting January 1 and ending June 30. What you can earn hours/points for is listed below and how many hours/points each event is worth. In order to get credit for some points, like watching your vet do something on your horse, you must have their initials.

New this year – An Incentive Point Summary Sheet. You must still hand in your log sheets but please total your points on the summary sheet and submit it with the rest of your paperwork. You may keep track of hours/points on either of the log sheets (Option 1, Option 2 or a combination of both). But you must turn in your hours/points on the official sheets no later than July 17.

In the past we have logged activity by the hour. Again this year, please log activity using points. 1 hour equals 1 point.

HONESTY PLEA: The foundation of 4-H was built upon the pillars of character, one of which is honesty. Please make sure the hours/points logged are accurate and true. For example, if you groom your horse for 15 minutes, log 15 minutes don't round it up to a half an hour or an hour. Spot checks will be done.

Special Notes:

- Drive time doesn't count when driving to shows or other horse related activities, only log hours when you are directly involved with the horse or event.
- You must describe what you did for hours/points you record on the log sheet. If you run out of room just write the date and what you did on the back of the page.
- The Lancaster County Horse VIPs Executive Committee reserves the right to require verification of the hours you log.
- You must have a parent/guardian signature on your log sheets when you turn them in.

GUIDELINES

Activities to include in your logged hours/points

- 4-H meetings, ring practices, Jr. Leader volunteer work, watching instructive horse related videos or programs, visiting other horse facilities
- Feeding, grooming, cleaning stalls, observing farrier, vet or other horse professional, making or repairing horse related items
- Competing in horse shows, volunteering at horse shows, trail rides, general riding, judging
- Reading or studying about horses (max 20 hours) (To get credit for reading you must turn in with your incentive forms a hand-written minimum of one page book report on the book you read.)
- Any volunteer/community service (max 20 hours)
- Working in Super Fair 4-H food booth

You may earn points by:

- 1 point for each month you serve as a club officer
- 3 points — you yourself aren't showing but you support a friend who is showing
- up to 4 points for watching a veterinarian and completing the vet form
- 5 points for attending (not competing) Stampede
- 5 points for attending Horse VIPS Committee meetings
- 5 points for giving a horse-related speech or demonstration at a 4-H club meeting
- up to 8 points for watching a farrier and completing the farrier form
- up to 10 points for watching someone checking your horse's teeth and completing the teeth form [NEW this year]
- 10 points if you complete and turn in the Lancaster County 4-H Horse Incentive Goal Sheet
- 10 points for giving an educational horse-related speech or demonstration at a community, regional or state meeting
- 10 points for attending a clinic (examples: 4-H roping clinic, western dressage clinic, Hillcrest clinic on colic)
- 10 points for writing a fictional horse story, must be a minimum of two typed pages in length
- 10 points for writing a story about you and your horse, must be a minimum of two typed pages in length
- 10 points for creating a "horse-related" book cover, can be original art work or computer generated
- 10 points for writing a report about a war horse (must be hand written and in your own words, 1 page minimum and must be about a war horse ridden by Generals George Washington, Lee, Grant, McClellan, Sherman, Stonewall Jackson or Sheridan)
- 10 points if you are an active Junior Leader
- 10 additional bonus points if you are a Teen Council member (count the hours spent doing teen council activities and then add the additional bonus points)
- 15 points for achieving a new level of horsemanship
- 15 points for competing in a horse judging competition (county, regional, state or national level)
- 25 points for competing in a horse judging competition (county, regional, state or national level) and giving oral reasons
- 20 points if you turn in incentive forms in a 3-ring notebook organized with dividers into sections (example: activity log sheets, book reports, reward request form, vet/farrier question forms, original horse stories, book covers, war horse reports, etc.)
- 20 points for competing in Stampede art or photography contest
- 20 points for competing in Stampede or national speech, demonstration, horse bowl or hippology contest
- 20 points if you turn in a completed Lancaster County Horse Record Book

Levels

Gold..... 366+ Hours/Points (must turn in completed Light Horse Record Book or Lancaster County Horse Record Book)

Silver..... 183+ Hours/Points

Bronze... 100+ Hours/Points

As of January 1, the rewards for the gold, silver and bronze levels have not been selected. We will get that information to you as soon as the selections have been made.

2017 Horse Incentive Suggested Book Reading List

To get credit for reading you must turn in with your incentive forms a hand-written minimum of one page book report on the book you read.

You can read any horse book of your choice and have it count toward incentive points. However, just for fun, here is a list of books that I think all horse lovers would enjoy (and probably should read).

Anna Sewell

- *Black Beauty*

Walter Farley

- *The Black Stallion Series* (books 1–18)
- *Man O'War*

Marguerite Henry,

- *King of the Wind: The Story of the Godolphin Arabian*
- *Misty of Chincoteague* (Misty #1)
- *Sea Star: Orphan of Chincoteague* (Misty #2)
- *Stormy, Misty's Foal* (Misty #3)
- *Black Gold*
- *Born to Trot*
- *Justin Morgan Had a Horse*
- *White Stallion of Lipizza*
- *Mustang: Wild Spirit of the West*
- *Brighty of the Grand Canyon*

Laura Hillenbrand

- *Seabiscuit: An American Legend*

Mary O'Hara

- *My Friend Flicka*
- *Thunderhead*

Enid Bagnold

- *National Velvet* (6th grade and up)

Michael Morpurgo

- *War Horse* (War Horse #1)

John Steinbeck

- *The Red Pony* (high school)

James Herriot

- *All Creatures Great and Small*

4-H Horse Incentive Goal Sheet

(worth 10 points in the Horse Incentive Program)

There is a saying: "If you don't know where you are going you'll probably end up there." Think about that for awhile! Talk to an adult about what that saying means.

Now explain in your own words what the saying means. _____

Goals will help you decide what you want to do, how to get where you want to be and how to measure your success. A goal should have four parts:

1. Set the goal
2. Figure out the steps you'll need to take to help you reach the goal
3. Decide what the end result will be
4. Set an estimated timetable

Before you set your goal ask yourself if the goal is realistic. Make sure the outcome of the goal is something you can control. For example, look at these two goals:

1. Before the Super Fair, I want to learn what a judge looks for in a good showman.
2. I want to get a blue in showmanship at the Super Fair.

Goal number one is a good goal because you yourself have control over the goal. Goal number two is not a good goal because you don't have control. The Super Fair judge has control over who gets a blue ribbon.

For some of us, learning how to set and achieve goals can be hard and takes practice. Some of you may want to ask an adult for help to get you started.

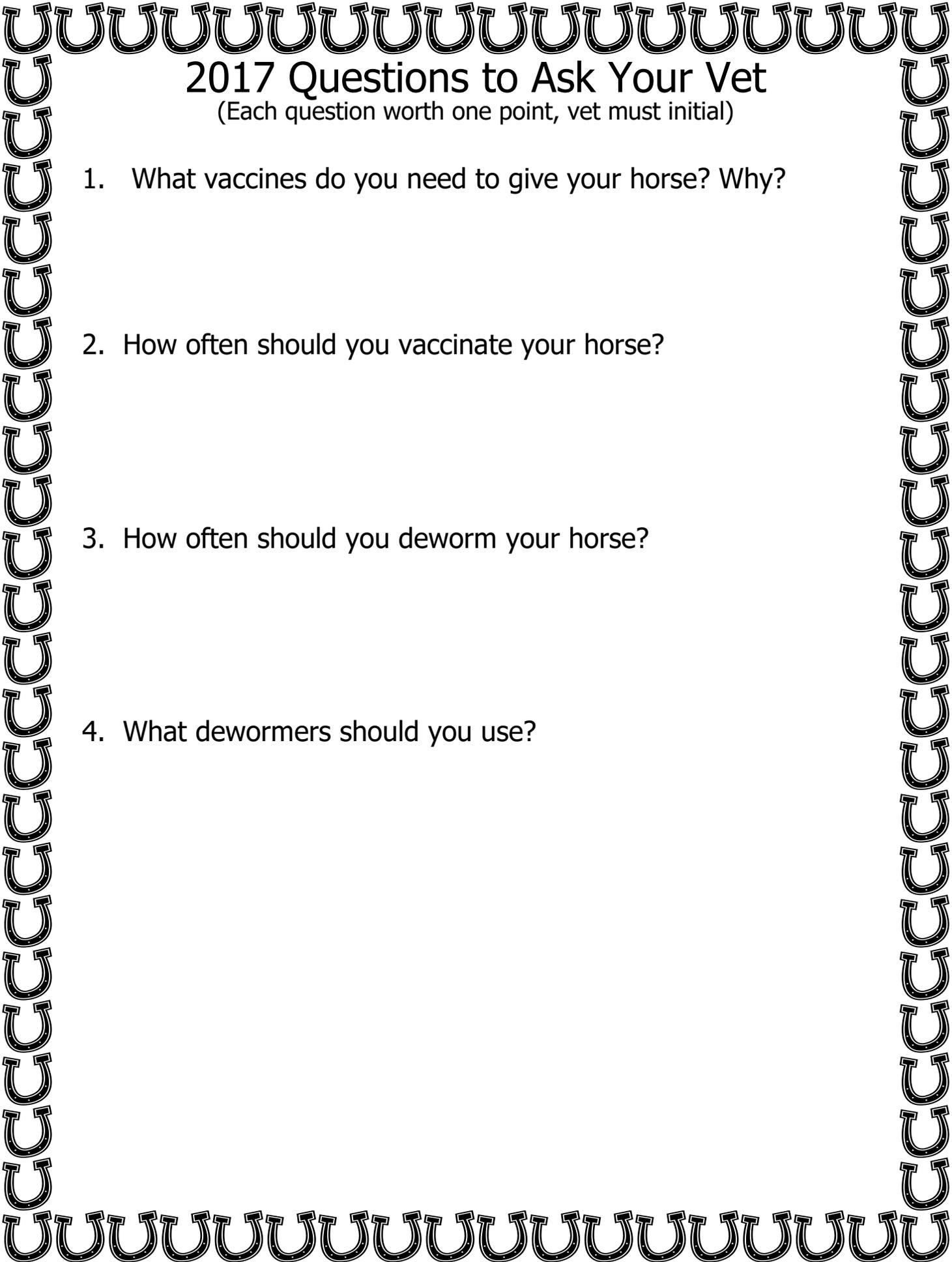
1. A goal for the 2016–2017 4-H year is _____

2. What steps do I need to take to achieve this goal?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____
- F. _____
- G. _____
- H. _____

3. The end result will be _____

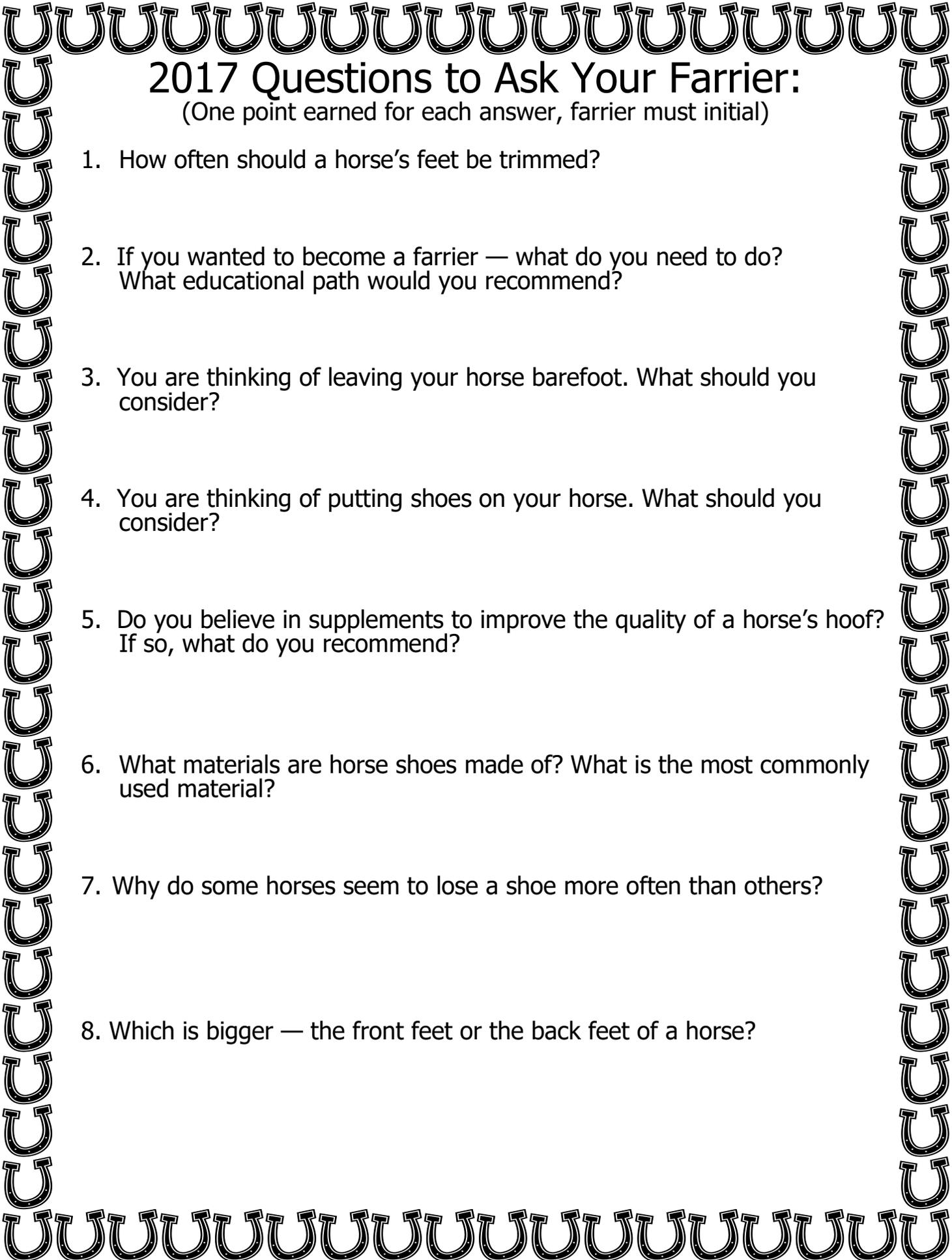
4. I hope to have this accomplished by _____



2017 Questions to Ask Your Vet

(Each question worth one point, vet must initial)

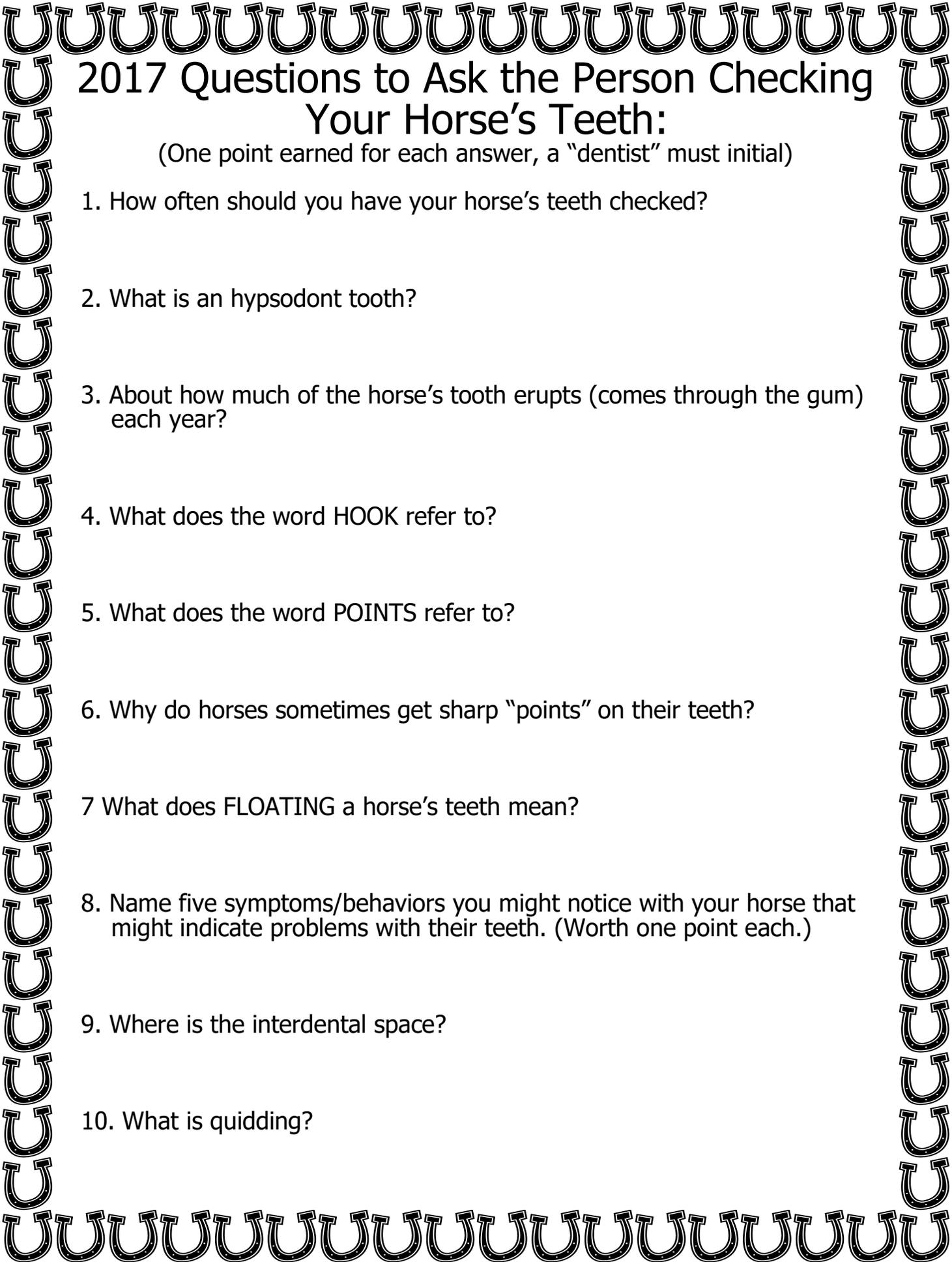
1. What vaccines do you need to give your horse? Why?
2. How often should you vaccinate your horse?
3. How often should you deworm your horse?
4. What dewormers should you use?



2017 Questions to Ask Your Farrier:

(One point earned for each answer, farrier must initial)

1. How often should a horse's feet be trimmed?
2. If you wanted to become a farrier — what do you need to do? What educational path would you recommend?
3. You are thinking of leaving your horse barefoot. What should you consider?
4. You are thinking of putting shoes on your horse. What should you consider?
5. Do you believe in supplements to improve the quality of a horse's hoof? If so, what do you recommend?
6. What materials are horse shoes made of? What is the most commonly used material?
7. Why do some horses seem to lose a shoe more often than others?
8. Which is bigger — the front feet or the back feet of a horse?



2017 Questions to Ask the Person Checking Your Horse's Teeth:

(One point earned for each answer, a "dentist" must initial)

1. How often should you have your horse's teeth checked?
2. What is an hypsodont tooth?
3. About how much of the horse's tooth erupts (comes through the gum) each year?
4. What does the word HOOK refer to?
5. What does the word POINTS refer to?
6. Why do horses sometimes get sharp "points" on their teeth?
7. What does FLOATING a horse's teeth mean?
8. Name five symptoms/behaviors you might notice with your horse that might indicate problems with their teeth. (Worth one point each.)
9. Where is the interdental space?
10. What is quidding?