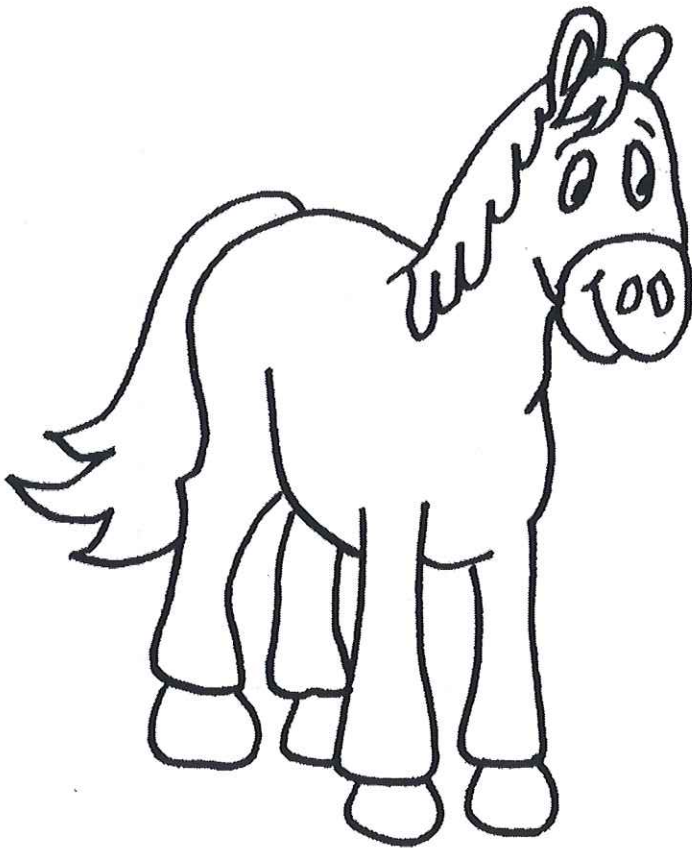


# 2025 Horse Project Record Book

Exhibitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of years in the horse project area? \_\_\_\_\_



**Clover Sprouts**  
**Ages: 5-7**



Members Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2025 Project Record Book Point Sheet

*Project record book must be complete, have a photo, and member signature and parent or leader signature, in order to be graded.*

Page	Title	Pts. Received	Pts. Possible
1	Cover Page		5
2	Point Sheet	xxxx	0
3	Requirements		2
4	Project Photos		8
5	Horse Events		2
6	Barn Maze		5
7	4-H Pledge		10
8	My Horse		2
9	Horse Maze		5
10	Quarter Horse		5
11-13	Trail Talk		5
14	End Page		1

Your total point score: \_\_\_\_\_

Total points available: 50

## 2025 Project Record Book Requirements

1. All books are required to have a photo of the project animal or horse project related photo.
2. All book must be signed by exhibitor and parent or leader.
3. All pages must be completed regardless of incorrect answers.
4. Do not leave any blank answers.
5. Adults may help but not do this book.
6. Creativity, effort, correctness and completeness are the goal.
7. Coloring is allowed and encouraged and required on some pages.
8. Project books are to be put in report covers, covers supplied by leaders.
9. No binders, puff paint or sheet protectors
10. This project record book must be completed and turned in on May 1st.

**Lets get started!**

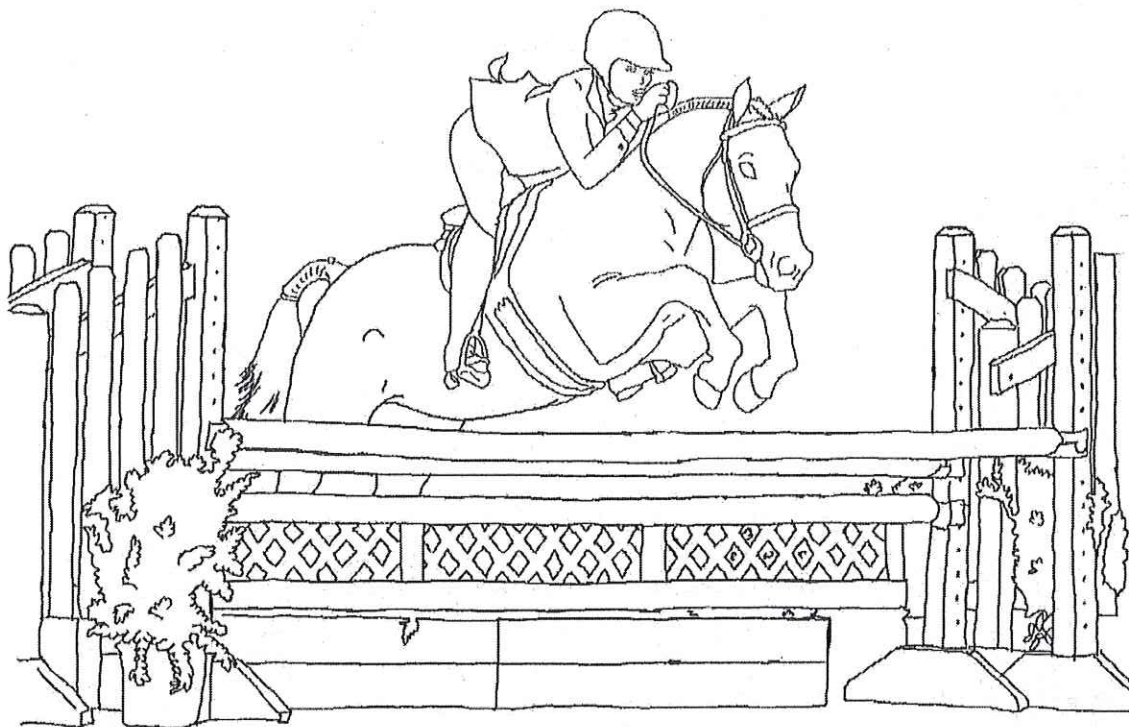
Start date of book: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name of Project Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

# Project Photographs

Include at least four photos with captions that reflect what you do with your horse and/or how you care for him/her.

# Horse Events

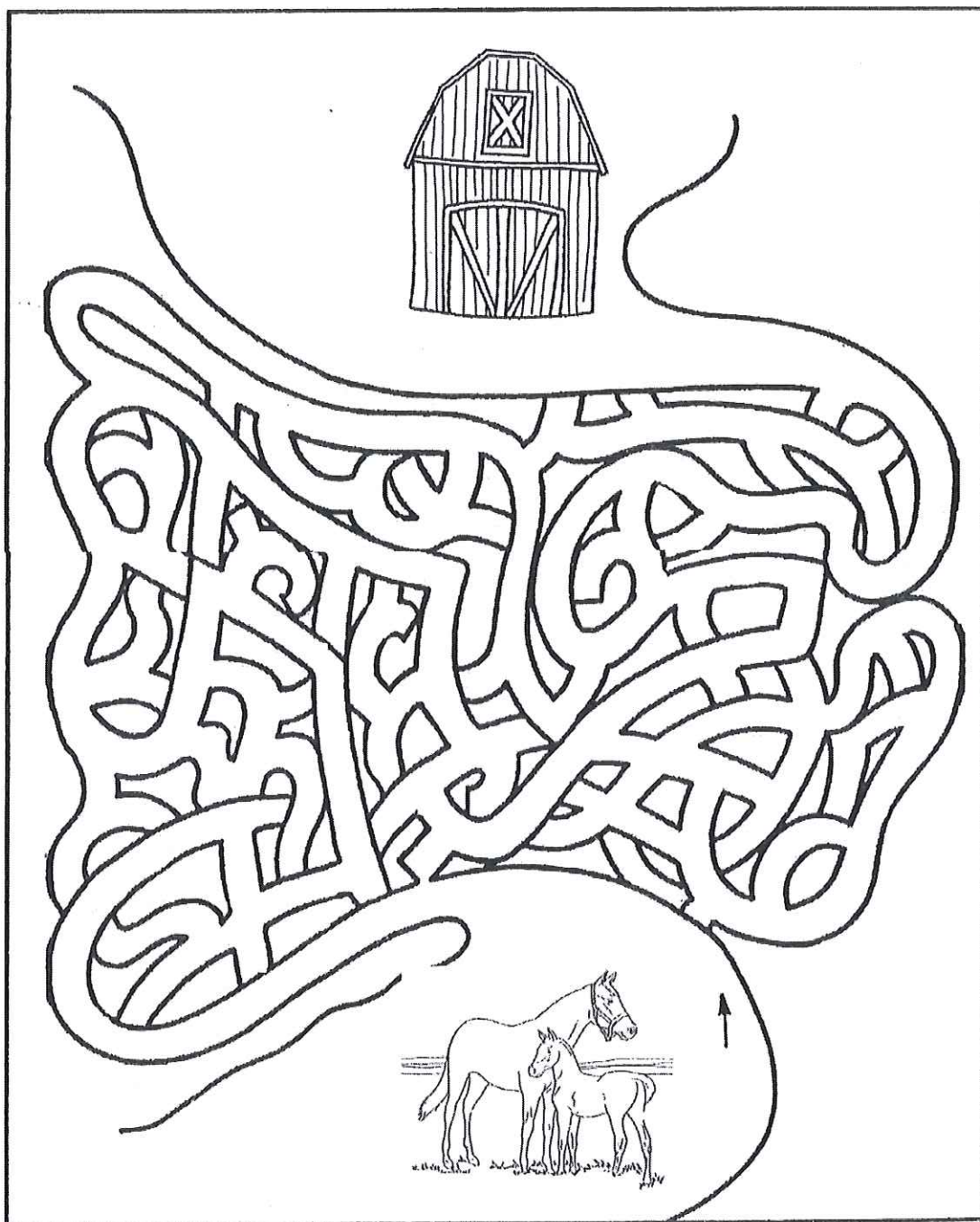


Color the picture above.

What event is pictured: \_\_\_\_\_



Help the mare & foal find their way back to the barn.



# THE 4H PLEDGE

Fill in the Blanks

I pledge my \_\_\_\_\_ to clearer \_\_\_\_\_,

My \_\_\_\_\_ to greater \_\_\_\_\_,

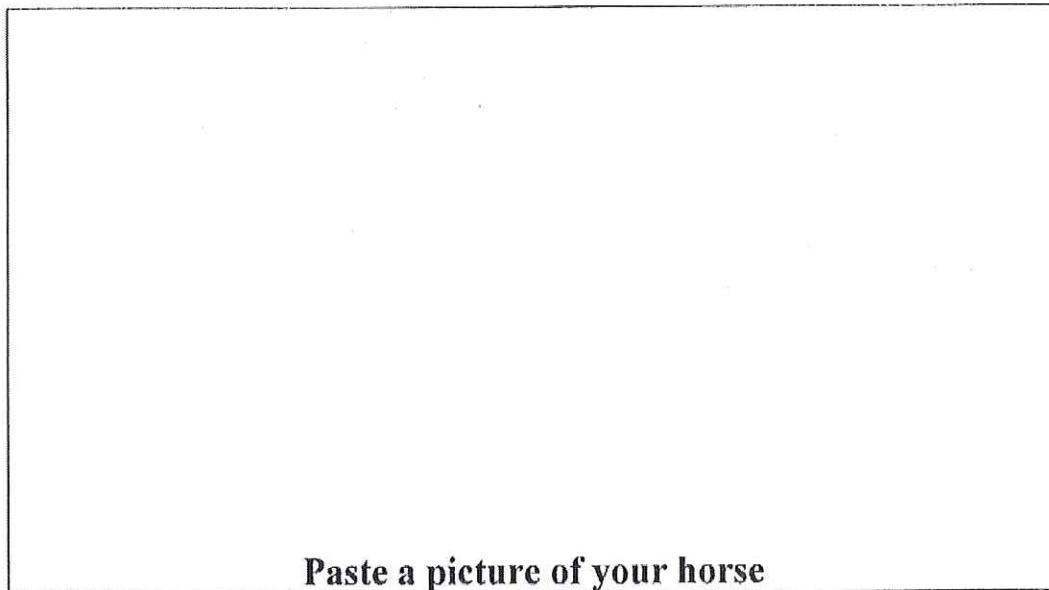
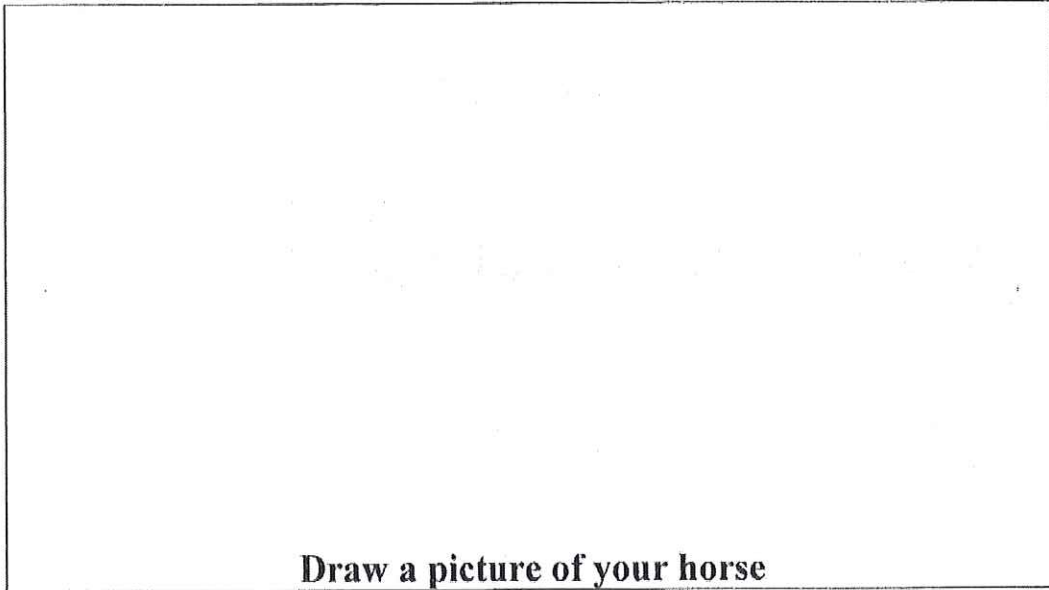
My \_\_\_\_\_ to larger \_\_\_\_\_,

Any my \_\_\_\_\_ to better living,

For my \_\_\_\_\_, my community,

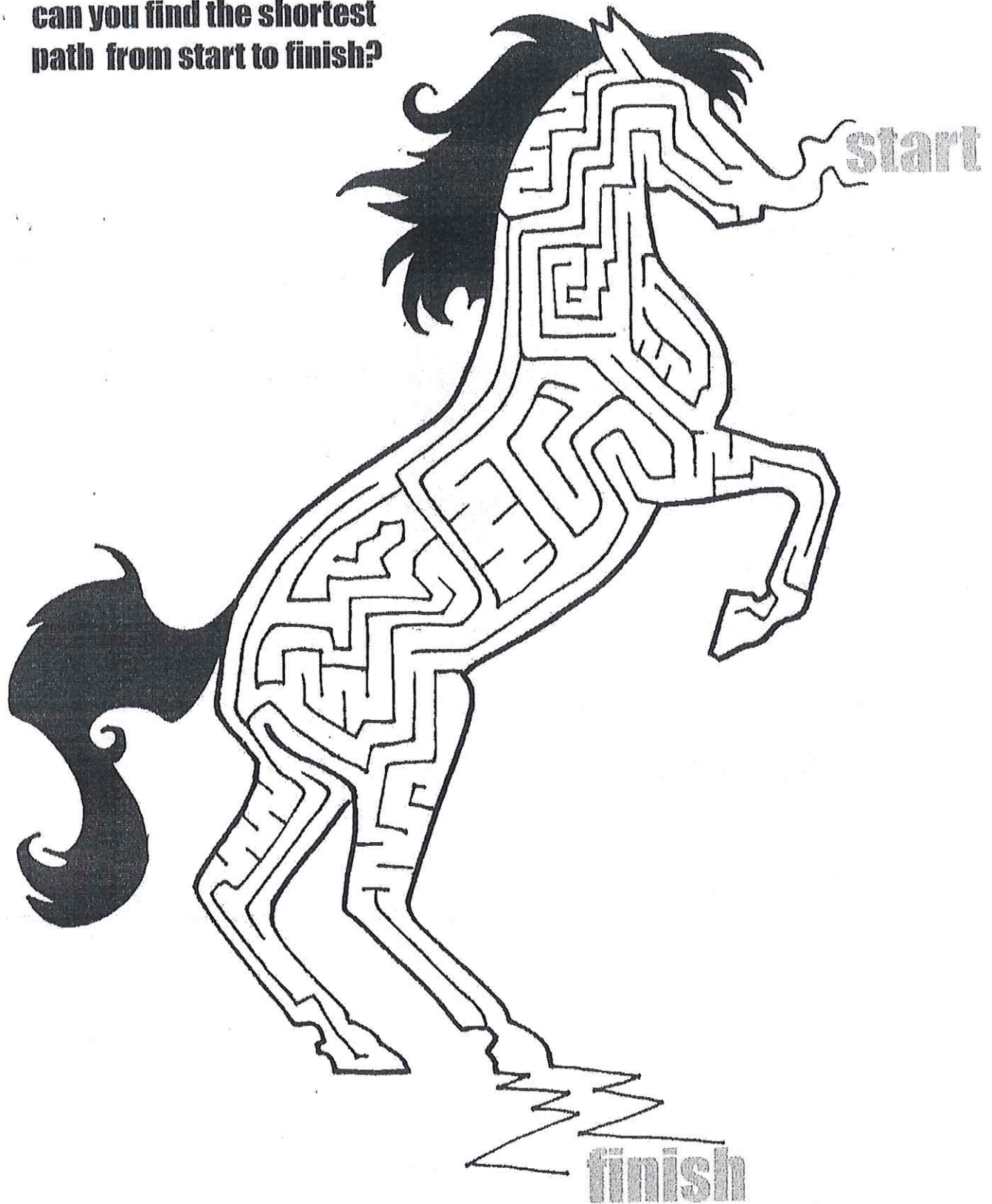
my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_.

# MY HORSE






can you find the shortest path from start to finish?



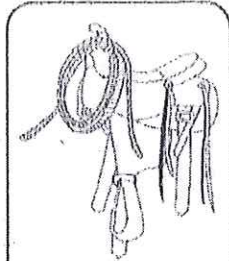
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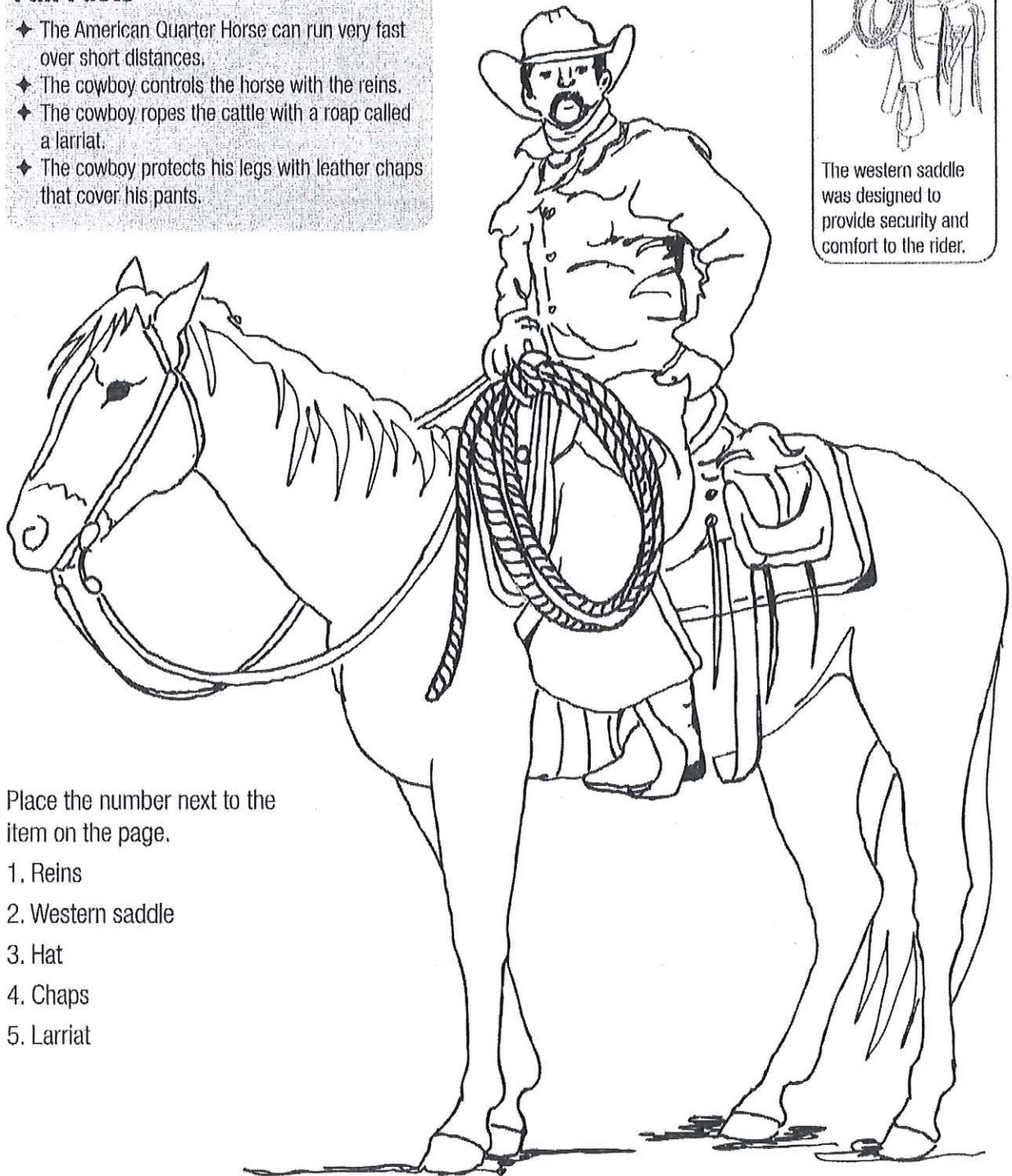
# American Quarter Horse

## Fun Facts

- ◆ The American Quarter Horse can run very fast over short distances.
- ◆ The cowboy controls the horse with the reins.
- ◆ The cowboy ropes the cattle with a roap called a larriat.
- ◆ The cowboy protects his legs with leather chaps that cover his pants.



The western saddle was designed to provide security and comfort to the rider.

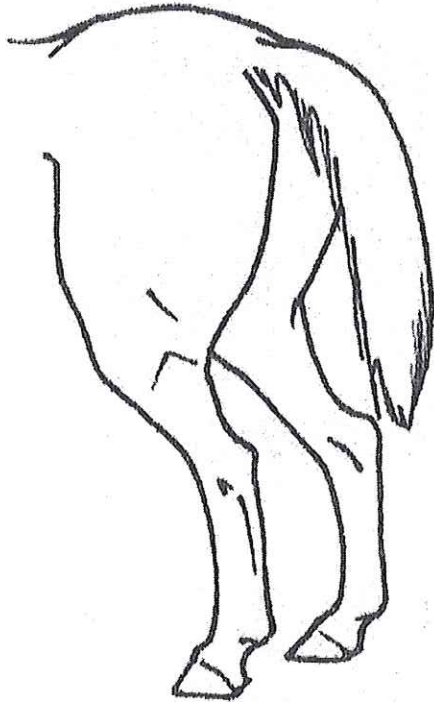


Place the number next to the item on the page.

1. Reins
2. Western saddle
3. Hat
4. Chaps
5. Larriat

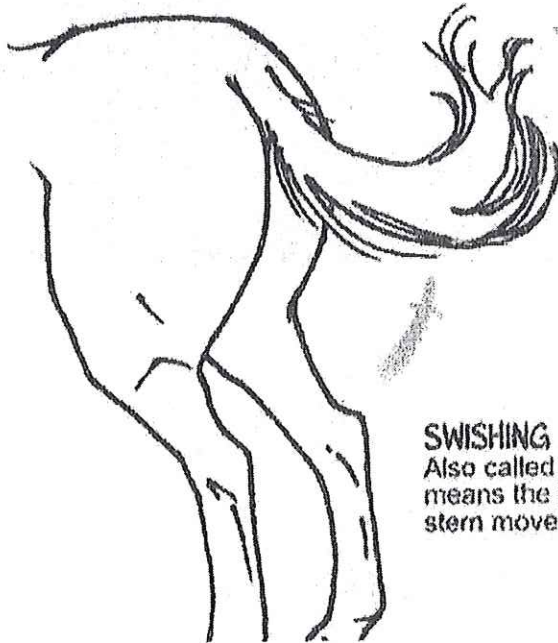
## Tail Talk

Horses are mostly body language communicators, and while plenty of attention is given to the head, let's not ignore the other end. Here's a cheat-sheet about what the tail might be telling you.



### RELAXED

While certain breeds may carry their tails higher or lower than others, this is a typical, relaxed tail.



### SWISHING

Also called flicking, this stern movement means the horse is irritated. If it becomes a stern movement, the horse is getting cross.



Tail Talk Continued

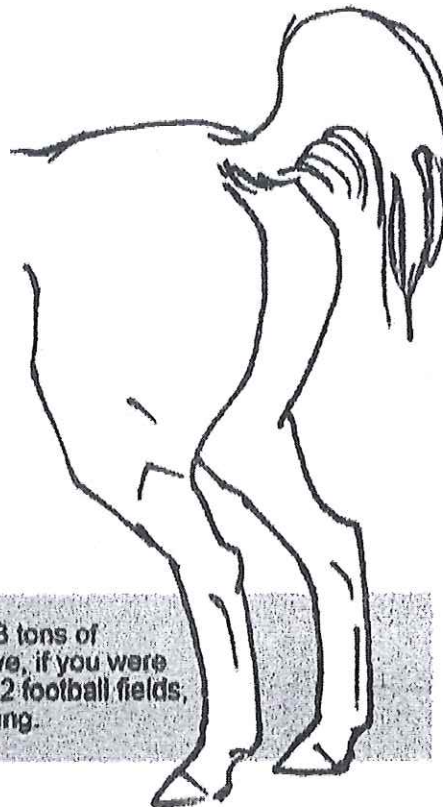
**CLAMPED**

Watch out for this one. A clamped tail means the horse is tense. This is saying, "I'm about to kick or bolt. Possibly both."



**RAISED**

This can mean many things. Alertness. Feeling spirited. All of these are symptoms of a raised tail. But mostly, it just means your horse hears the "call of nature."



A 1400 pound horse will create around 8 tons of manure a year. To put that in perspective, if you were to lay that out over an area the size of 12 football fields, your hands would be absolutely disgusting.

J. MAGNUS

## Tail Talk Continued

### Tail Talk True or False

After you have read the information on the page marked Tail Talk, see if you can find the True or False answer to these questions.

\_\_\_\_\_ A raised tail could mean many things. Alertness, feeling spirited or maybe taking a “Poddy Break”.

\_\_\_\_\_ A relaxed tail generally shows no tension and hangs in a typical relaxed manner.

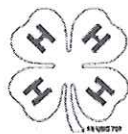
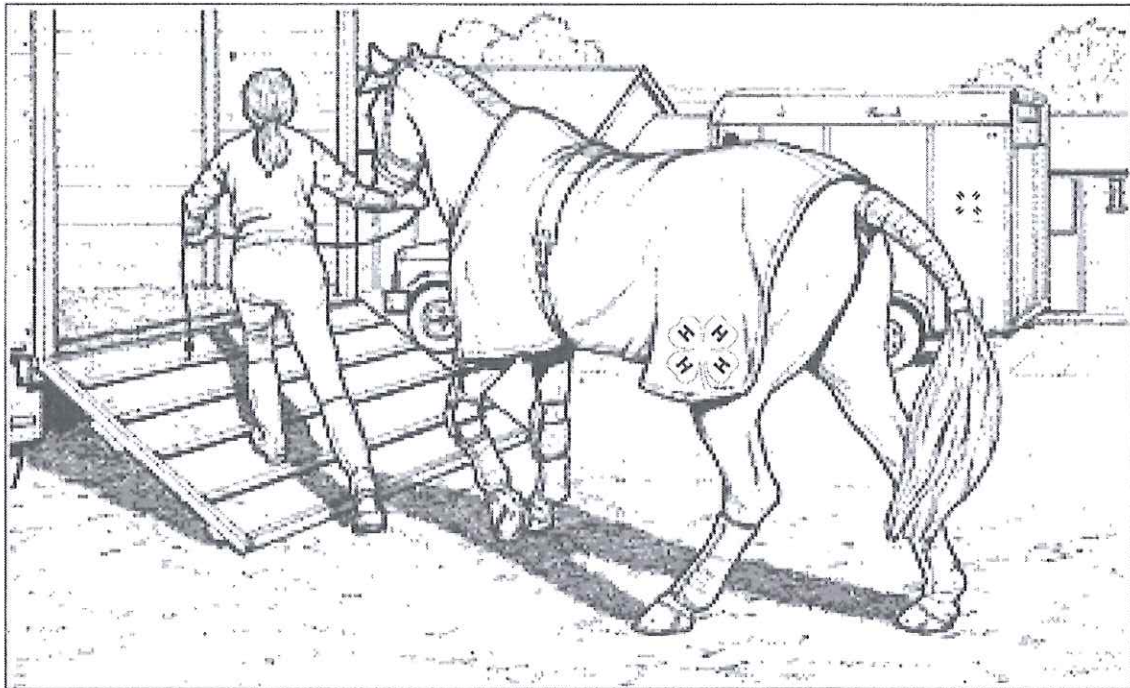
\_\_\_\_\_ A clamped tail means your horse is relaxed and enjoying itself.

\_\_\_\_\_ A 1400 pound horse will create around 8 tons of manure a year. To put that into perspective, if you were to lay that out over an area, the size would be about 20 football fields. EWWW that would get your hands smelling disgusting!

\_\_\_\_\_ A swishing tail or flicking, this stern movement means the horse is irritated. It usually means the horse is getting cross.

The End

Date Complete \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



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