

**RUSK COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT SAFETY TEST**  
**HALTER EXAM**

Name of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Proper / Safe Equipment: YES / NO (circle one)

TASK	CONSIDERATIONS	POSSIBLE POINTS	PTS.EARNED/COMMENTS
1) Groom the horse.	Does the youth groom the horse safely? Does the youth check for sores and injury?	2	
2) Tying the horse to an object safely.	Is the horse tied at eye level? Is there 12-18 inches of rope between the knot & the halter? Did youth use a safety knot? Safe halter?	2	
3) Leading the horse at a walk safely.	Is the youth on the side of the horse between its head & shoulder? Are they a short distance away?	2	
4) Lead the horse at a trot safely.	See above.	2	
5) Stop the horse & ask the horse to back up at least 2 steps.	Is the youth to the side of the horse? Does the youth check to see that there is nothing behind the horse? Does the horse attempt to back up?	2 (1 for safety & 1 for steps)	
6) Safely pick up the horses front hoof.	Does the youth run a hand down the leg to let the horse know what is next? Does the youth stand in a safe position?	2	
7) Release horse in a confined area (stall). Catch the horse & halter properly.	Did the youth approach the horse safely? Did youth place a rope around the neck until the halter was secure?	2 (1 for approach & 1 for haltering)	

**Youth must achieve a score of 12 out of 14 points to pass the exam!**

**TOTAL POINTS** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**