

# Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, and Hippology



Developed by: Cecil Co. 4-H Volunteer, Monica Mason

# Horse Bowl

In horse bowl, teams of four face off in front of a panel of judges and a moderator. In order to get the chance to answer, competitors must ring the buzzer in front of them faster than the other players. Both teams and individuals compete for respective awards, and the top four Senior individuals qualify to compete at the Eastern National 4-H Roundup.

# Categories of Questions

- **Breeds, Color, and Color Genetics**
- **Riding, Training, Tack, and Equipment**
- **Reproduction and Genetics**
- **Health, Disease, and Parasites**
- **History, Evolution, Behavior**
- **Anatomy, Conformation, Way of Going/Lameness**
- **Nutrition**
- **Trivia**

# Examples of Questions

- Q: What are the materials that form the protein in all body tissues?  
A: Amino Acids
- Q: What color do horses have difficulty seeing?  
A: Red
- Q: Name two methods used for horse identification.  
A: Branding, lip-tattooing, microchipping

# Competition at College Park



# Senior Success

In the Fall of 2016, Arianna Cordrey traveled with the Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Team to the All American Quarter Horse Congress and the Eastern National Championships. Maryland went on to place third at QH Congress and win the National Championship. Ari placed third individually.



# Hippology

- Hippology, directly derived, means "the study of horses." The state hippology contest rigorously tests the 4Her's intimate knowledge of horses and horse related items. At the junior and intermediate level, there are two parts: a written exam and an identification table. The senior level also includes a slide section to the other two parts to emulate the national program. Awards are given for individuals and teams, and the top four senior individuals qualify to compete at the Eastern National Roundup.

# Sample Written Questions

Which of the following gaits is four (4) beats?

- A. trot
- B. walk
- C. lope
- D. jog

12. What is normal cell division called?

- A. inheritance
- B. mitosis
- C. chromosomes
- D. meiosis



# Sample Slide & Identification Questions


Maryja X Littl X f (5) Uni X 2013-5 X 2004 X 2004 X 2004 X D> Hov X

file:///C:/Users/Cecil%20Veterinary%20Cliv/Documents/Monica/4H%20Stuff/Horsebow/2017/Hippology%20Slide%201.pdf

Apps Google Business | BB&T Bank Accountant Portal Harness Racing - UST STB Entries and Resul Other bookmarks

2004 Hippology Contest Slides.ppt [Read-Only] 20 / 33

## What breed of horse is this?



A photograph of a dark brown horse with a black tail and lower legs, standing in a grassy field. The horse is facing left. There is a signature in the bottom left corner of the photo.



# Senior Success

In the Fall of 2016, Sydney Keys qualified to travel with the Maryland 4-H Hippology Team to the Eastern 4-H National Roundup. Sydney's hard work paid off, and she was part of a very successful team.

2016 Maryland  
Hippology Team  
Results:

#5 Written  
#6 Stations  
#7 Overall



# Horse Judging

- The Maryland 4-H State Horse Judging Contest tests the 4-Her's knowledge of horse conformation and way of going. The contest has a mixture of halter and under saddle (or in harness) classes with four horses to judge in each class. The contestants are then required to defend their placings for classes by giving "oral reasons" to the judges. Awards are granted in the senior, intermediate, and junior divisions to the top County 10 teams, top 10 overall individuals, top 10 individuals in reasons. In addition, the top 10 senior individuals compete for one of the four spots on the Maryland State Horse Judging Team that competes at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup.

# Horse Judging



# Horse Judging

Participants take notes as to why they are placing the horses in the order that they are. The 4-Hers study those notes to prepare for the oral reasons that they give to the judges.



# Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging is A Great Place to Make Friends

