

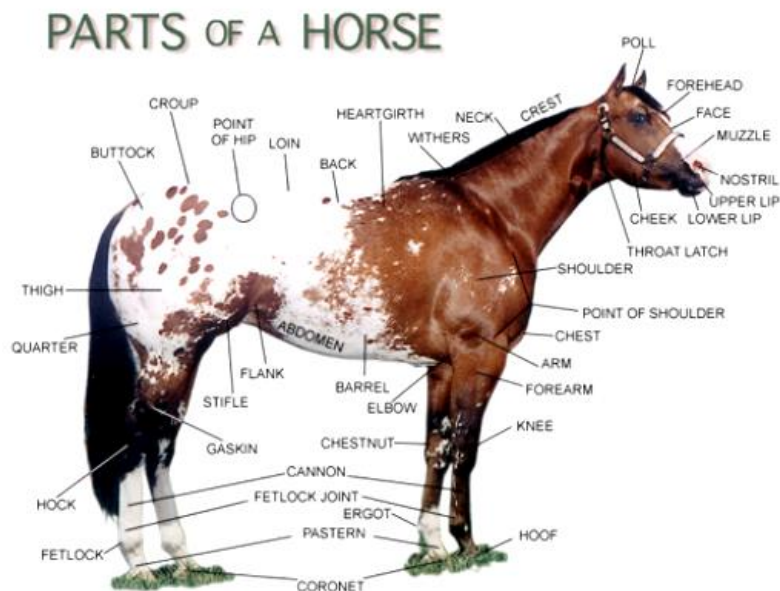
JUDGING



Judging is an important skill that you will use in 4-H and beyond. As a 4-H member, judging will help you develop important assessment skills, and with practice, you will learn to carefully **observe, evaluate, make decisions, communicate with confidence.**

When judging equine conformation, the first thing you should do is familiarize yourself with the names of the various parts of the equine animal.

Below are two videos that will teach you some of the basics about what is considered good equine conformation.



Video 1: The Basics of Horse Conformation (~6 min) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQINNTIeNJM>

Video 2: How does a horse's conformation affect its quality of movement and long-term structural health? (~10 min) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DRpwU98mNI>

Project Completion Requirement: to fulfill the judging requirement for the virtual equine projects please view the video below. The video will show a class of **4 Half Arabian Geldings**. At the time of 6:15 you are to stop the video, and place the 4 geldings using the score card on the next page. Feel free to scroll back through the video to do view the geldings again. Once you are done filling out your score card resume the video to see the official placing of the class at the time of 6:25. Continue to watch the rest of the video to learn the reasons behind the official placings.

Video: Arabian Horse Judging Educational Resource Series Class #1 Half-Arabian Geldings (~12 min) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QllSzxAoPs&list=PLktGlmPklhW2Vd2nUGYvbbplojMKd9t4R&index=4&t=0s>

BONUS VIDEOS: If you thought that first judging class was fun then here are more optional videos you can use to practice your equine judging skill on.

Video: Arabian Horse Judging Educational Resource Series Class #2 Purebred Geldings (~16 min) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hehTaStCCHc&list=PLktGlmPklhW2Vd2nUGYvbbplojMKd9t4R&index=2>

Video: Halter Geldings (~9 min) [Quarter Horses] - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXJ4L5dsUeI>

Score Card for Judging

I place this class of: _____ in the order of _____
(Description - specify type of animals or items) (1st) (2nd) (3rd) (4th)

I place ____ over ____ because:

Reasons: _____

I place ____ over ____ because:

Reasons: _____

I place ____ over ____ because:

Reasons: _____

I place ____ at the bottom of this class because:

Reasons: _____

For these reasons, I place this class of: _____

in the order of _____
(1st) (2nd) (3rd) (4th)