

2018 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL
“Action Taken” on Recommendations

A. Equine

- 1. Allow Hardship Exception for Loss of Horse – Snohomish.** Allow hardship exceptions for 4-H Horse members who have lost a horse to exhibit at State Fair and County Fairs.

Supporting Statement: Youth whose horse dies are left dealing with a tragedy and also feeling out of place in the program.

Council Action: Accepted Committee Recommendation to Reject

Reason: Rejected because there was a lack of clarity for a time line and a concern for safety. The committee also felt that learning to deal with adversity is a life skill.

- 2. Separate Dressage from Performance at State Fair – Snohomish.** Separate Dressage from Performance at State Fair.

Supporting Statement: Section too long for missing school, fewer youth may participate, Dressage riders are there five days and only show one day, Seniors who do perform have 1½ days with Judging and Dressage with no activity.

Council Action: Approved

- 3. Revision to the PNW 4-H Horse Manual – Snohomish.** Revise the PNW and Horse Project Manual to allow youth to leave horse whiskers and eye hairs unclipped.

Supporting Statement: Whiskers and eye hairs serve a serious purpose for a horse. Science is learning more about their purpose and several European countries have made clipping them illegal.

Council Action: Accepted Committee Recommendation to Accept with Modification. The modification from Committee stated that the words “Contest Guide” should be added after PNW in the recommendation.