

Tuesday News



Features

#Giving Tuesday THANK YOU!

Denise Echelbarger

On November 28, WSU Extension 4-H came together to do good. You made donations, cared for our communities, and proved that, when we take action together, we can change our world through generosity. Thank you!

Ferry County earned the \$300 match by having the most donor contributions for #GivingTuesday 2023. Overall WSU 4-H saw an increase from \$500 in donations in 2022 to \$2,100 for 2023's #GivingTuesday. Thank you so much to the entire 4-H community that shared in the excitement of kicking off the charitable season and end-of-year giving.



WA State 4-H Equine Science and Horsemanship Series Continues!

Hands-on Fun for Everyone! Every fourth Thursday of the month, 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Zoom!
December 28th we will learn about Body Condition Scoring.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/WA4-HEquineScience> or by email to: kim.baker@wsu.edu.



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After much discussion and consideration of feedback from key Washington 4-H horse judges, key horse program volunteers/leaders and State Equine Committee of county 4-H staff and faculty, a decision has been made to return to a Washington-based model for developing and implementing a Washington State 4-H Equine program rulebook, as well as training of 4-H horse show judges, rather than the multi-state PNW model (Oregon, Washington and Idaho) that has been in place for many years.

This change has been officially enacted as of the new 4-H year which began October 1st, 2023, and we are currently in the process of redesigning essential components of our program to align with these changes.

Here is what is happening:

1. Washington State 4-H will have a state-specific rulebook that is updated on an annual basis or as needed, and aligned with the start of the 4-H program year.
2. Recommendations or suggestions to the rulebook or other official WA 4-H Program policies and procedures can be initiated by any judge, volunteer, staff/faculty, parent, or member by submitting an online form, which can be found here: https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7VXMiPuDSCCPG6y.
3. Depending on the rule or policy change as related to the 4-H equine program—final recommendations are vested in the State 4-H Equine Committee with final approval from the State 4-H program leader.
4. The state equine committee is working to develop a Washington State 4-H Horse Judges School that is accessible, affordable, and efficient while still upholding a high standard for professionalism, knowledge, and utilization of the 4-H Positive Youth Development framework.

This will mean several things for the existing PNW 4-H Horse Judges list:

1. The PNW horse judges list will still be active on our WA website and carried over, and so judges who are currently on the list will remain on the list and be part of the new Washington 4-H horse judges' system.
2. Once the development of the new judge's training system is in place, the Washington State 4-H horse judges list will be updated
3. Washington State 4-H Equine Program Rules for 2023–2024 can be expected to be consistent with the updates that were introduced late this summer via two addenda that were posted to the [Horse Program Website](#).

We hope that this change creates a stronger 4-H equine program in Washington State with an efficient system for training judges, show managers, and volunteers by maintaining a rulebook that has clearly defined rules and policies that is reflective of Washington State 4-H program that promotes horsemanship, sportsmanship, and the Essential Elements of positive youth development.

We realize that many people will have questions, and we ask that you have **patience** as we work to answer questions and consider any feedback we receive.

For questions about the 4-H horse judge's training, contact Stephanie Roeter-Smith (stephanie.roeter@wsu.edu).

For questions and/or clarifications about Washington 4-H policies and rules related to equine, contact Jennifer Leach, WSU 4-H equine contact (jleach@wsu.edu).

The Washington 4-H Horse Judge's Sub Committee members are:

Stephanie Roeter Smith, WSU 4-H Faculty, subcommittee chair

Jennifer Leach, WSU 4-H Faculty and State 4-H equine contact

Kim Baker, 4-H Staff

RA Mazzola, 4-H Staff

Pat Pehling, 4-H Volunteer

Dusti Kissler, 4-H Staff and 4-H Horse Judge

Dawn Spencer, 4-H Judge

Anne Garrett, 4-H Judge

Patty Burns, 4-H Judge

Sherri Spoltman, 4-H Judge



Save the Date for the 2023-24 4-H Horse Contests



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2024 WA STATE 4-H EQUINE CONTESTS



UPDATE



The State Equine Presentations Contest date has changed from September at State Fair to **February 3, 2024** (on Zoom)! Help us spread the word!



FEB 3, 2024

Location: **Virtual**

**STATE EQUINE
PRESENTATIONS CONTEST**



MAY 4, 2024



MAY 5, 2024

Location: Grant County
Fairgrounds, Moses Lake

**STATE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST
STATE HORSE BOWL CONTEST**

Teams are encouraged to try both contests.
Fun Derby Party Saturday after Hippology Contest!!



**SEPT 2024
STATE FAIR
DATES TBD**

Location: State 4-H Fair
Puyallup, WA

**STATE HORSE JUDGING
CONTEST**

Will be held during State Fair. Dates will be
published with the State Fair schedule.

**STATE
GROOM SQUAD CONTEST**

Rules, Registration and Information: **WA State 4-H Horses**
<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/>



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through your local WSU Extension office.



Full contest information and rules can be found on the [WA State 4-H Horse page](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/)
(<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/>)
under State & National Contest Resources, Dates & Entry Forms. Please direct any questions
to Kim Baker kim.baker@wsu.edu | 425-520-3908.

Please Note: The State Equine Presentations Contest is no longer held during State Fair. It will be held on February 3, 2024 and the deadline to register is January 25, 2024. The registration form is posted on the WA State 4-H Horse page as noted above.

Washington 4-H Horse Program Q and A Session Announces Topics for December 6th Zoom!

The Q and A session for the Washington 4-H Equine Program is for parents, leaders, staff, and members has been offered monthly on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

For the December 6th Q and A, the topics will be updates for the upcoming 4-H year for state contests such as horse bowl, hippology, equine presentations, horse judging, and groom squad.

A very important update and details will also be shared on the soon-to-be-published Washington State 4-H Equine Rule book being developed by the State 4-H Equine Committee. This rule book will replace the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

The December meeting will be facilitated by Jennifer Leach, 4-H Equine Contact/Specialist, and Kim Baker, State 4-H Equine Coordinator.

The Zoom meeting ID is 452-082-9765 with no passcode. You must have a Zoom account to participate.

State 4-H Equine Open Office Hours are hosted on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome – members to staff, statewide!! Pop in to ask a question any time during the hour. **We anticipate questions about the State 4-H Equine Presentations Contest coming up February 3rd this month and next, but bring any questions you may have, or just stop in to share ideas and stories!!**



State 4-H Dog Committee Adopts New 4-H Curriculum

During the meeting of November 5, 2023, the Washington State 4-H Dog Leaders approved the replacement of The Complete Dog Book for Kids by AKC ©1996 with the 4-H Dog Project Manual (Facilitator Guide for Leaders and 4-H Members) by AKC ©2021 as a curriculum source. The manual will be used to create questions for Showmanship Care and Health Knowledge Topics, Dog Bowl, and any future skillathon events.

The manual can be downloaded at <https://www.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/4-H-manual-FINAL-jan18-2022.pdf> 4-H Leaders can request one free copy per club by emailing mbo@akc.org. Additional copies can be purchased for \$15.00.

The Curriculum Committee will review and revise the current Showmanship Knowledge Topics and Questions to be published on January 1, 2024.

DISCLAIMER: The 4-H Dog Project Manual was a project of Florida 4-H with the cooperation of the American Kennel Club, therefore contains information specific to Florida 4-H, primarily found in Chapter 1 – Introduction. Any information pertaining to Florida 4-H should be disregarded by Washington State 4-H Dog Leaders, members, parents, and volunteers.

Dog parents and leaders—if you have questions, please contact Amie Adams, Chair of the State Dog Committee Curriculum Committee at adamsrus1@hotmail.com

