

**EQUINE
ANIMAL SCIENCE PROGRAM
CODE OF ETHICS**

- I believe that participation in the Washington Youth Animal Science Program should demonstrate my own knowledge, ability, and skill as a feeder and exhibitor of animal projects.
- I will do my own work to the full extent I am capable and otherwise will only accept advice and support from others.
- My equine project animal or animals will be under my daily care and management for 90 days prior to any premium qualifying event.
- I will not use or allow abusive, fraudulent, or illegal practices in the feeding, fitting and showing of my animal(s), nor will I allow my parents, my supervisor, or any other individual to employ such practices with my animal(s).
- I will read, understand, and follow the rules without exception, of all animal science shows in which I am a participant and ask that my parents and the supervisor of my project do the same.
- I wish for my animal science project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.
- I realize that I am responsible for:
 - a. the proper care and safe humane treatment of my animals,
 - b. complete control of project animal(s)
 - c. demonstrating strong moral character as an example to others.
- I consent to having my animal(s) subjected to drug testing.
- I understand that the premise of the 4-H equine project is that I, as a 4-H member, am learning to train and care for my horse. In keeping with that premise, if professional assistance with training my horse is required, it will be on a temporary, short-term basis and my horse will be completely under my care and training prior to a qualifying event.
- I understand that no one is allowed to coach contestants during classes. Anyone doing so will be asked to leave the show by show management.

NOTE: This document is required to be on file with your horse certificate at the WSU Extension office and included with your horse certificate in your record book.
No Exceptions!!

I have read, understand and agree to the above Equine Animal Science Program Code of Ethics.

Exhibitor

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

Completed signatures certify that the exhibitor is eligible to participate fully in the youth Animal Science Program in Yakima County