



-FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH-



The Official Newsletter of the Kentucky 4-H Horse Program

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Congratulations



4-H Trail PROJECT

GRADY DOBSON

Grady is 11 years old and a 6th grader at Memorial Elementary in Hart County. Roana is a 4 year old Racking horse that Grady has owned for a little over 2 years. She was a Christmas present to Grady in 2021, untrained and not even broke to lead. He started working with her right away and they have never looked back. In 2022, they rode 519 miles together, and for 2023 they had a total of 751 miles. Grady's favorite part of riding is being outdoors with his horse and family, and also getting to meet new people along the way. "Roana's a great horse, she's smart and will go wherever I point her. She takes care of me. We have some good places to ride around home, but I like Wranglers Campground the best. We went there 4 times last year and I'm ready to go back as soon as it warms up!"

Grady participates in other 4-H activities such as Forestry Field Day and the Memorial Clover Bears Club. He enjoys fishing and hunting as well.

Upcoming Events

CLICK/TAP THE IMAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION!

UK Alfalfa and Stored Forage Conference



PLAY DATE WITH YOUR HORSE DAY AT KCA!

FEBRUARY 10TH, 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
KENTUCKY COWTOWN ARENA
SPONSORED BY BARB BLOOMER, IN CHAOS FIND CALM



BRING YOUR HORSES OUT FOR A FUN DAY AT KCA! WE WILL HAVE OPEN ARENA, GYMKHANA GAMES, A HORSE PHOTO BOOTH AND A GUIDED TRAIL RIDE. A DELICIOUS LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED! \$100.00 PER PERSON/\$50.00 FOR KCA BOARDERS. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED WITH A \$50.00 DEPOSIT.

Stalls and Camping with Electric Hook Up Available for an additional fee



XOXO

Fast & Frosty Winter Series

\$\$\$Added Money\$\$\$ **2023-2024** \$\$\$Added Money\$\$\$

December 2nd
February 3rd

January 6th
March 2nd

FINAL'S March 30

OFFICE OPENS @ 10 AM BARREL EXPOS @ 11 AM * POLE EXPOS @ 12 PM
 SHOW STARTS @ 1:15 PM

KCA 210 WALNESCOTT RD WILLIAMSTOWN, KY 41097

3D	Peewee Poles	\$7
3D	Youth Poles	\$20
3D	Open Poles	\$25
3D	Peewee Barrels	\$7
4D	Open Barrels	\$30
3D	Youth Barrels	\$25

\$25 nomination fee per horse/rider combo to be eligible for series end awards

\$5 expos with strict 60 sec limit. Sign up @ office.

Buckles, halters, tack and more up for grabs!

Awesome prizes to the top in PeeWee, Youth & Open Barrels at end of the series

Cash only. \$100 added money with 40 entries in the open. Additional monies added TBD by sponsors. Entries close when first horse has run in the class. No refunds after class has started. PeeWee is 10 and under as of 1/1/23. Youth is 17 and under as of 1/1/23. \$5 grounds fee per horse-PeeWee included. Points will start to accumulate AFTER nomination fee is paid. No back dating. Showbill subject to change at anytime. 70% Payback except for pee-wee. \$2 from all barrel classes are withheld from the jackpot for awards. Must run in 3 of the of the 5 shows to be eligible for series end awards. **ROLLOVERS MUST BE SPECIFIED AT SIGN UP**

Under Kentucky law, a farm animal activity sponsor, farm animal professional or other person does not have the duty to eliminate all risks of injury or participation in farm animal activities. There are inherent risks of injury that you voluntarily accept if you participate in farm animal activities. KRC 247-4027

Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors!

Pre entries open the tuesday before on Saddlebook.

TO SEE MORE EVENTS VISIT: [HTTPS://EQUINE.CA.UKY.EDU/EVENTS](https://equine.ca.uky.edu/events)

Fresh Ideas Board

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WALKING PAPER HORSES

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Paper Craft

Did You Know?

Locking Stay Apparatus Illustration

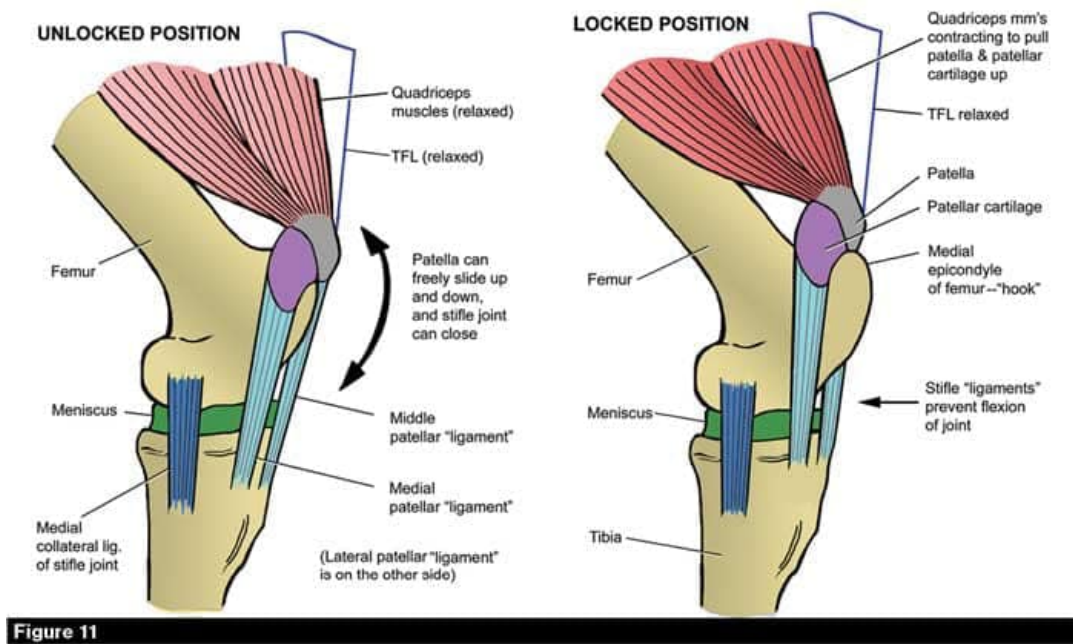


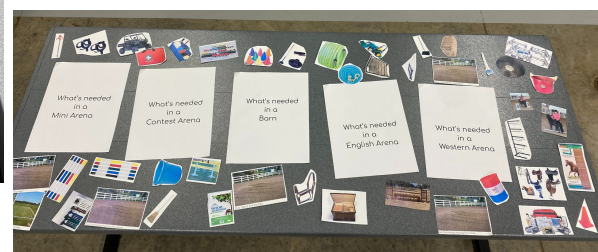
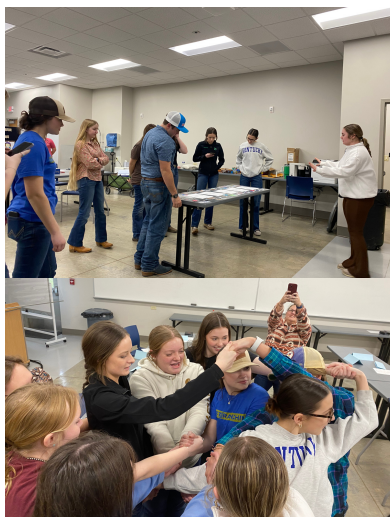
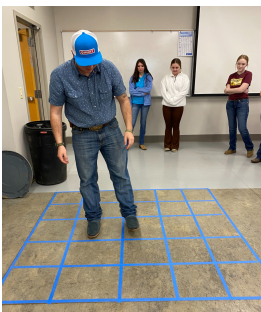
Figure 11

Did you know that the reason why horses can sleep while standing, and stand almost all day long, is because of the “stay apparatus”?

Part of the stay apparatus includes a patella locking mechanism, where the medial patellar ligament wraps itself behind the femoral trochlea. This “locks” the hindleg, preventing it from flexing, and allowing the horse to sleep while standing, even if the other leg is cocked.

Equine Task Force

The 4-H Equine Task Force is working hard on their passion projects that will be showcased at the 2024 Kentucky Volunteer Forum! We spent our last meeting talking about fundraising initiatives, upcoming trips, participating in leadership activities, and they got their buckles!



Educational Article

[Click/Tap the article below to redirect you to: Horse Care: When Less is More](#)



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