

Species – Horse

Module – Selection & Buying

Targeting Life Skills

Beginner

- Learning to Learn

Intermediate

- Decision making
- Critical Thinking

Seniors

- Critical Thinking
- Communication

Learning Objectives

Beginner

- Determine the factors to consider in purchasing a horse.
- Explain basic horse vocabulary.
- Prioritize the factors to consider in purchasing your horse.

Intermediate

- Determine the factors to consider in purchasing a horse.
- Describe horse vocabulary.
- Explain the single most important factor to consider when buying a horse.

Seniors

- Determine the factors to consider in purchasing a horse.
- Define horse vocabulary.
- Explain which factor is most important in determining which horse you will buy.

Learning Activities

Age Level	Learning Activities	Materials Needed	Source
Beginner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which Horse Should I Buy? Checklist for Beginner Level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which Horse Should I Buy? Beginner Level Activity Sheet 	<u>Alberta Horse Reference Manual</u> pp. 107-110
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horsey Words of Wisdom Word Find 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horsey Words of Wisdom Word Activity Sheet 	KHVCR Kit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal or No Deal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal or No Deal Worksheet 	KHVCR Kit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectacular Bid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auction Items and Numbers 	KHVCR Kit

Age Level	Learning Activities	Materials Needed	Source
Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which Horse Should I Buy? Checklist for Intermediate/Senior Level • Horsey Cross Word Puzzle • Deal or No Deal • Spectacular Bid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which Horse Should I Buy? Intermediate/Senior Level Activity Sheet • Horsey Cross Word Activity Sheet • Deal or No Deal Worksheet • Auction Items, Play Money and Numbers 	<p><u>Alberta Horse Reference Manual</u> pp. 107-110</p> <p>KHVCR Kit</p> <p>KHVCR Kit</p> <p>KHVCR Kit</p>
Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which Horse Should I Buy? Checklist for Intermediate/Senior Level • Horsey Cross Words • Deal or No Deal • Spectacular Bid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which Horse Should I Buy? Intermediate/Senior Level Activity Sheet • Horsey Cross Words Activity Sheets • www.extension.org/pages/Equine_Glossary_Terms • Deal or No Deal Worksheet • Auction Items, Play Money and Numbers 	<p><u>Alberta Horse Reference Manual</u> pp. 107-110</p> <p>KHVCR Kit</p> <p>KHVCR Kit</p> <p>KHVCR Kit</p>

Time Requirement

- 30-45 minutes for classroom learning objectives
- 2-3 hours for take-home learning objectives
- ½ day for field trip learning objectives

Best Time to Teach

- At beginning of 4-H Year

Best Location

- Classroom
- Barn

Evaluation

Beginner

- Evaluate Activity Sheets – 75% accuracy.

Intermediate

- Evaluate Activity Sheets with 80% accuracy.

Senior

- Evaluate Activity Sheets with 90% accuracy.
- Evaluate teaching skills when teaching younger members using Activity Sheets.

References

- Alberta 4-H Project Manual Handbook
- KHVCR Kit
- Internet resources
- The Cost of Owning Your Own Horse Handbook

Which Horse Should I Buy?

Beginner Level

Answer the following questions to determine your level of interest in owning a horse:

1. Why do you want a Horse/Pony?

2. What do you want to do with a Horse/Pony?

Trail Ride

Show

Breeding

Family Pet

3. What kind of horse or pony do you want?

Draft Type

Stock Type

Saddle (Gaited) Type

Sport Horse Type

Pony Type

4. Where would you keep your horse (be sure to consider adequate pasture)?

Barn at your home/farm

A relative's or friend's barn

Boarding/Training Facility

Intermediate & Senior Levels

1. Answer the following cost questions:

- a) Do you plan to buy, lease or adopt? If buying how much do you plan to spend?

- b) If you are **boarding** your horse how much will it cost each month and will the fee include feed and hay?

- c) If keeping your horse **at home** how much will you spend on feed and hay per month?

- d) **Access to equipment/tack:**
 - I. **What do you already own?** Include basic equipment: grooming and riding supplies, buckets, manure forks etc

 - II. **Make a list of what you will need & estimate the cost?** (Visit a local tack shop or search the internet)

e) **What about health care:**

Research cost of basic horse care such as vaccinations, deworming, health certificates, Coggins test, dental care, etc

f) **Will you do your own shoeing and trimming of hooves?**

If not research cost of having your horse trimmed and shod on a regular basis.


2. How much return do you expect on your investment in a horse?

3. What do you expect to gain from owning a horse and how will it benefit others in your family?



Beginners and/or Intermediates

You are ready to buy a horse. Go to a horse barn and pick three horses. Using the basic selection factors shown below, **rank each horse individually on a scale from 1-5**, with **1** (being least important) and **5** (being most important). This will serve as a guide to determine which horse you wish to buy.

Selection factors	Horse #1	Horse #2	Horse #3
Cost			
Color			
Breed			
Gender (Mare or Gelding)			
Age			
Hoof Condition			
Health			
Well Broke			
Needs Training			
Temperament/Personality			
Other			
			

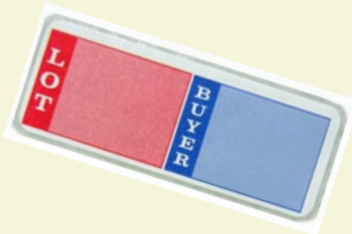


Note for Leaders:

You may wish to create a scenario for each individual horse. Write in a brief paragraph so that participants learn how to extract the necessary information they need. To make it more interesting, use a live horse for visual purposes or provide an enlarged picture of a horse. Be creative!



SPECTACULAR BID Auction Game!



**PERSONAL PROPERTY
BID ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Lot #	Buyer #
Description	
BASE BID	\$ _____
Buyer's Premium	\$ _____
Total Bid	\$ _____
Deposit	\$ _____
Balance Due	\$ _____
Date	_____
Signed	_____

Get ready to spend some money! Create an auction atmosphere. Have participants to register or check in as they arrive and give each of them a number to use when they bid on an item. Be sure to give participants play money to spend. (Suggestion: you may want to use play money as a reward when doing other club events or activities that they can spend at the auction)

Before the auction collect "Horse Related Items" such as brushes, buckets, hoof picks, combs, videos, DVD's etc for 4-H'ers to bid on. Check with local feed and/or tack shops to see if they might be willing to donate some items. (Suggestion: consider having club members bring in used equipment/clothing/etc. that they may no longer use.)

Consider using model horses as part of your horse auction, creating a background/description for each horse used. (Suggestion: One might wish to put together a sale catalog with respective lot numbers, pedigrees and description for the horses in your sale)

