

Potential Costs Associated with Horse Project

Made for the Orangevale Horse Project for the 2017-2018 year by Suzie Greene

This is a general list of items *possibly* associated with Horse Project 4-H. The lower number may be the cost if found used, with a higher number for new/higher quality. There is always potential for a higher or lower cost, but as my experience provides this list gives a good general idea of what to possibly expect. Every situation may be different, as well as different brands, retailers, locations, etc.

THIS SHOULD BE USED AS A GUIDELINE ONLY.

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- Horse: \$0-\$6000+ one time cost
 - Horse lease (where an owner allows you to borrow or “lease” their animal for a set amount of time, costs associated are completely at the will of the individual owner, not involved with 4-H): \$0-\$600 per month
 - Monthly board (may or may not be included within a lease, not involved with 4-H): \$300- \$650
 - Lessons (with trainer, not involved with 4-H): \$25-65 per lesson
 - Horse training (trainer riding horse with or without you- not involved with 4-H): \$200- \$600 per month
 - Farrier work: \$50-\$150 (every 6-8 weeks, may or may not be included in lease, not involved with 4-H)
 - Horse trailer to purchase: \$500-\$15,000+
 - Trailer rental daily from local company: \$75

Hauling needs to be understood as a case by case, location to location, person to person basis. 4-H leaders, volunteers, personnel, etc do not have any involvement or requirement to provide equipment to transport animals. Members may help other members by offering rides. Parents, neighbors, friends, trainers, etc. may be able to offer use of a trailer or help with animal transport, but it is up to the member to determine the best way to get their animal to events. With this being said, the cost associated with hauling or animal transport can not be predicted. Generally, a trainer will charge a fee of at least \$60 for the haul, with \$1-\$2 a mile additionally. Friends or family may not charge anything, just the cost of gas or \$20. **Members and families need to be proactive with determining in advance the cost of transport and decide how to proceed accordingly.*

Uniforms for Showmanship:

**Please see the information regarding 4-H uniform policy*

- 4-H hat, tie/scarf: \$20-\$40 *these may not be required but you may be docked points by not having it during testing or competitions
- White or off white straw hat (western style): \$20-\$100
- Belt: \$10-50

- White, black or blue jeans (with belt loops): \$10- \$100
- White long sleeve button up collar shirt: \$10- \$30

****Boots and helmet are required for riding, boots are required for handling animals in the project (by youth and adults)**

- Western style boots: \$50- \$200
- ASTM/SEI certified Helmet: \$20-\$65

Required Equipment for Project Horse:

- Halter and lead rope in clean and working order: \$20- \$50

Required Equipment for Performance Test:

- Dandy/hard brush: \$2-\$5
- Body/soft brush: \$2-\$5
- Curry comb: \$2-\$5
- Mane and tail comb: \$1
- 2 sponges: \$1
- Rag/towel: \$1
- Hoof pick: \$1-\$3
- Bucket or carry case: \$3-\$5

Other/optional equipment:

- Fly spray: \$5-\$25
- Detangler/sheen or other coat spray: \$5-\$25
- Hoof polish: \$10
- Soaps/conditioners: \$1-\$20
- Polo wraps: \$10 (4 wraps)
- Horse blanket: \$20-\$120
- Horse sheet: \$20-\$120
- Horse sleezy hood: \$30-\$50
- Tack and leather cleaning supplies: \$5-\$25
- Lunge line: \$10-\$20
- Lunge chain: \$5-12
- Lunge whip: \$15-\$20
- Horse boots: \$20-\$100+
- Crop: \$5-\$10
- Hay bag/net: \$10-\$20
- Water bucket: \$5-\$20

First aid kit (highly recommended):

- Bute (vet prescription only): \$20-\$50
- Banamine (vet prescription only): \$30-\$50
- Gauze pads: \$2-\$5
- Thermometer: \$2
- Rubbing alcohol bottle or pads: \$2-\$5
- Antibacterial ointment: \$2
- SWAT: \$10
- Furazone ointment: \$10
- Wonder dust powder: \$19
- Other ointments or powders: \$20
- Vet wrap rolls: \$2 a roll
- Gauze rolls: \$2-\$5
- Standing wraps (4): \$10-\$20
- Cotton batting for standing wraps: \$10- \$20
- Iodine or betadine scrub: \$20
- Syringes: \$5-\$10
- Mineral oil (for colic): \$5

Horse supplements that relate to first aid and daily health (Usually monthly depending on dose and use):

**Supplements, feeds, grains, hay etc may be included in board cost or lease cost.*

**There are hundreds if not thousands of brands, types and varieties of supplements. Speak with the vet to decide what your animal needs.*

- Probiotics powder or paste: \$10-\$20
- Psyllium: \$20
- Electrolytes: \$10
- Salt or mineral block: \$10-\$20
- Vitamin or mineral supplement (general, all around): \$10-\$50
- Wormer (4 times a year, roughly): \$10-\$30 per tube

Feeds and Grains:

**Grains may contain probiotics, electrolytes, salts, minerals, vitamins etc. Be sure to read all tags and labels and consult a vet for proper nutrition for each horse to prevent overnutrition or overdose of minerals or vitamins.*

**Bagged horse feeds may be made depending on type of hay used ie grass, alfalfa, Timothy etc. as well as corn, oats and other grains*

** Bagged horse feeds may be fortified and crafted for specific types of horses ie light horse, draft horse, senior horse, pony, lactating or pregnant mares, foals or young horses. Be sure to consult with the vet on the best type for your particular project animal.*

- Cost of bag per week: \$20-\$30

**Read product labels for proper amounts to feed*

- Hay per month for regular light horse in light duty work: \$100-\$140

**Hay cost depends on type, quantity, producer, grower and place of purchase*

**Hay should be fed by weight of hay and should be decided upon on a horse by horse basis with the vet*

Yearly Veterinary Cost:

**Veterinary cost should be discussed with owner pertaining to lease*

- Spring shots: \$100- \$150
- Fall shots: \$100-\$150
- Yearly physical: \$50
- Dental teeth floating: \$125-\$300

**Dental should be performed yearly, biannual or when the vet or equine dentist most recommends. This is also determined by age of horse.*

**Veterinary visits also include a "ranch call" if they come to your facility. This may be anywhere from \$40-\$100+ depending on the vet, nights, weekends, emergency call or holidays.*

- Antibiotics for injury/infection: \$30-\$50
- Sedation for care: \$30-\$50

**Hopefully horses only require the minimum shots, physical and dental each year. Accidents happen and injuries occur without notice so it is best to create a monthly emergency veterinary savings fund so you are not in a bad financial position when or if an emergency occurs!*

****As it pertains to equipment, the general idea is that everything should be in good, clean and working order.***

****Silver should not count but is optional on equipment.***

****Sacramento County Horse Show Rules should have more information on necessary equipment vs optional equipment.***

****Check individual show premiums for more equipment and attire information.***

*****As it pertains to show shirts, pants, chaps, etc please see the 4-H uniform guidelines as well as the Sacramento County Horse Show Rules for more information. Each show should also have rules and guidelines for attire. See leader more more information.***

Western Equipment and Attire:

- Saddle: \$200-\$1,000+
 - Cinch: \$10-\$30
 - Saddle pad: \$20-\$50+
 - Western show pad: \$20-\$50+
 - Work bridle: \$10-\$30+
 - Show bridle: \$30-\$300+
 - Western bit: \$10-\$100+
 - Western spurs with straps (optional equipment): \$30-\$75+
 - Western show shirt: \$10-\$300
 - Chaps (not required): \$20-\$200
 - Show pants: \$20-\$50
 - Western show tie: \$5-\$10
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English Equipment and Attire:

- Saddle: \$50-\$500+
- Stirrups: \$10-\$50
- Stirrup leathers: \$5-\$50
- Girth: \$20-\$50+
- Fitted work pad: \$5-\$40
- Square show pad: \$50
- Work bridle with reins: \$20-\$50+
- Show bridle with reins: \$30-\$300+
- English bit: \$10-\$100+
- English show shirt with ratcatcher collar: \$10-\$50
- Stock pin for collar: \$10
- Hunt coat: \$20-\$200+
- Breeches: \$20-\$200+
- Belt: \$10-\$50
- English spurs and straps: \$20
- Hair net/show bow: \$10
- Tall English boots: \$60-\$200+
- Short paddock boots: \$20-\$50
- English half chaps: \$10-\$50

****Wear either tall boots OR paddock boots with half chaps. Rubber, synthetic or leather are acceptable for boots as well as pull on or zip up.***

Show fees:

**The cost associated with horse shows depends on the county/subcommittee/group/organization running the show.*

**There are open non 4-H shows as well as 4-H only shows that can be attended and recorded in the record book/project budget*

**County fair premiums are in the fair book and subject to change each year.*

**4-H show fees are subject to change each year and may change per show.*

**CA state horse drug fees may be required at some shows, this is usually in addition to class fees and may cost around \$10 per horse participating*

**Some shows require a haul-in or arena use fee which varies per facility.*

**Show cost also is determined by the number of events/classes you enter at the show.*

**Members must check individual show premiums (forms) for cost and ask leader for help if needed.*

- General show cost: \$4.99 per class to upwards of \$25 a class or an all day fee that varies from \$40-\$65+
- County fair (includes stall rental, drug fee, and classes for one horse): \$100-\$400
- 4-H State Horse Classic (if qualified at prior show): \$100-\$400
- State Fair (if qualified at county fair): \$100-\$400

***If you think of anything else please let me know so it can be added.
Let's strive to continue to MAKE THE BEST BETTER! Thanks!***