

2011 ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING SCHEDULE

Anyone planning on exhibiting animals at the MontanaFair must have attended an Animal Quality Assurance Workshop.

New Policy: 4-H members are required to take Animal Quality Assurance once as a beginner age 8-10 once as a junior age 11-13 and once as a senior age 14 and older. This age is based on their 4-H age – age as of Oct. 1 when the 4-H year starts. If the young person has taken the class as a junior they do not need to take the class again until they turn 14. The member only needs to take the class once when they are over the age 14. A parent or guardian must attend the class with the child.

There will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time and staying for the complete 1½ hours. If you are not in attendance for the complete training you may be asked to attend another session. Plan on attending a session early in the year so conflicts do not occur in your family schedule. More classes will **NOT** be added after the June 4th class.

February 5 - Saturday - 10:00 ~ 11:30 a.m.

PAYS - Beef Tagging

February 19 – Saturday – 4:30 ~ 6:00 p.m.

MetraPark - MATE

April 21 - Thursday - 6:00 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Courthouse

June 4- Saturday - 9:00 ~ 10:30 a.m.

PAYS - Swine/Sheep Tagging

2011 HORSE HELMET WORKSHOPS

May 14, 2011 – Saturday - Metra – 2:00 ~ 3:00 p.m.

June 15, 2011 – Wednesday - Courthouse Room 105 – 7:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.

Montana State University Extension: 4-H Horse Helmet Policy

Participants (and a parent or guardian) in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and view the video "Every Ride Every Time" once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (14 and up). This age is based on their 4-H age – age as of Oct. 1 when the 4-H year starts. If the young person has taken the class as a junior they do not need to take the class again until they turn 14. The member only needs to take the class once when they are over the age 14. A parent or guardian must attend the class with the child.

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may chose whether or not they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole races, stake races, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in this policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock.