

Suggested Topics or Ideas for Horse Presentations (Demonstrations), Illustrated Talks, Public Speaking Contests, or Club Meetings

Feeding

What to Look for in Good Quality Hay
Nutrients—How They Are Used and Supplied
Nutrient Requirements
Balancing a Horse Ration
Digestive Organs in the Horse
How to Select a Supplement
Vitamin Requirements
Feed Management Practices
Pasture Selection, Renovation,
and Fertilization
Types of Pasture
Poisonous Plants

Health

Vaccination Program
Control of Internal Parasites
Control of External Parasites
Founder—Cause and Treatment
Colic—How to Recognize, Treat, and Prevent
Azoturia or Typing-Up
Sleeping Sickness—What It Is and How
to Prevent It
Respiratory Diseases
How to Recognize a Sick Horse
What to Know Before Calling
Your Veterinarian
How to Bandage a Horse
Emergency First Aid
What is Needed in a First Aid Kit
(Barn, Trailer, Breeding Farm)
How to Treat a Leg Injury (Splint, Bowed
Tendon, Muscle Sprain, Cut)
Fistula Withers—Cause, Treatment,
and Prevention
Thrust—Recognition, Treatment, and Prevention
Swamp Fever
Dummy Foal
Epiphysitis—Cause and Treatment
How to Locate an Injury
How to Determine Lameness
How to Give an Injection
Deworming Methods
Medicating the Untrained or Stubborn Horse

Breeding

Selecting a Broodmare or Stallion
Important Points in a Breeding Contract
Types of Breeding Systems
How to Tease Mares
Breeding Records
Solving Breeding Problems
Handling and Equipment for Breeding
Care of Mare and Foal
Artificial Insemination
Fertility or Disease
Management Practices for Broodmares
Anatomy and Function of the Reproductive
Tract

Management

Facilities Required
Horseman's Knots—How and When to Use
Them
Design a Farm or Barn
Stall Requirements, Shelter, Bedding
How to Determine the Horse's Age
Care of the Newborn Foal
How to Prepare a Yearling for Sale
Types of Fences for Horse Pasture
Clipping the Problem Horse
Trimming the Horse's Feet Correctly
Trailer Safety
How to Keep Records on a Horse Farm
Shoeing—When to Shoe, Shoe Selection, and
Corrective Shoeing
Make a Measuring Stick and Show How to
Measure Horses

Selection

Conformation as it Relates to Athletic Ability
Important Points in Buying a Horse
Specific Discussion on a Structural
Unsoundness—Bench Knees, Parrot Mouth, and
Others
How to Evaluate and Compare Horses
Objectively
How to Organize and Give Oral Reasons
How to Judge a Working Hunter,
Western Pleasure, Reining, or Other Class
Anatomy of the Front Leg
Anatomy of the Foot
Anatomy and Function of the Eye
Rider Aids

Genetics

Registration Papers—How to Complete,
What They Say
Coat Colors or Markings—Differentiating
Genetics of Coat Color
Genetics of Speed, Conformation, and so Forth
Evolution of the Horse
History of Quarter Horses
Linebreeding—Why
Crossbreeding—Is It Helpful?
Genetic Defects

Miscellaneous

Discuss a Riding Event—Fox Hunting,
Endurance Races, Steeple Chases, Racing,
Competitive Trail, Riding, Polo, etc.
How to Fix a Bridle, Halter, or Saddle
Making Your Own Equipment (Bridle, Blankets,
Halter, etc.)
History and Attributes of Morgans
Horse Psychology
How to Photograph Horses
How to Build A Creep Feeder
How to Restore, Clean, and Preserve Leather
Methods of Horse Identification

Training

How to Catch, Halter, and Lead a Horse
How and Where to Tie a Horse
Teaching a Foal to Lead
When and How to Use Draw Reins, Tie-downs,
etc.
Vices and How to Prevent Them
Loading Problem Horses
Selecting the Proper Bit
Breaking a Young Horse
Biting Rigs
How to Train a Horse to Rein, Stop, Jump, etc.
Training a Western Pleasure Horse, Reining,
Hunter, Race Horses, etc.

Showing

Discuss Attire for a Specific Riding Style
Show and Discuss Riding Seat (Saddle, Hunt, or
Stock)
Tips for Showmanship
Grooming a Horse Correctly
What is Judged in Western Riding, English
Pleasure, etc.
How to Thin Manes and Tails
How to Braid Horses
Selecting the Correct Saddle to Fit
Organizing or Conducting a Horse Show