



Dear parent:

Please read the following letter about the project "Nebraska Horse Show Questionnaire" (IRB# 20141014324). The goal of horse programs is to develop important life skills in the youth who participate. In order to determine if these programs have influenced their understanding of science, animal care and management, nutrition and healthcare of horses, we are asking that you allow your child to complete the enclosed survey.

The survey should take your child 15 to 20 minutes to complete. Their results will be combined with those of other participants and no individual data will be reported. All information collected will be kept confidential. The information obtained in this study may be published in a teaching or scientific journal with all data presented as aggregated data.

You may ask any questions concerning this research and have those questions answered before agreeing to allow your child to participate in the study. Or you may call the investigator at any time, (402) 472-9098 (Dr. Luck), or (402) 472-6458 (Dr. Karr). Please contact the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Institutional Review Board at (402) 472-6965 for the following reasons: you wish to talk to someone other than the research staff to obtain answers to questions about your rights as a research participant, to voice concerns or complaints about the research, to provide input concerning the research process, or in the event the study staff could not be reached.

Data from this survey may be of benefit to you as it will help to guide the direction of the horse programs in Nebraska. There is no risk to completing this survey and all data will be kept confidential. Youth are free to not participate in this survey without affecting their relationship with the investigators, the University of Nebraska, or youth programs.

You are voluntarily making a decision whether or not to allow your child to participate in this research study. By having your child complete this survey, you are agreeing that you are giving consent for them to participate in this study and that they also assent. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Dr. Lena Luck ([lena.luck@unl.edu](mailto:lena.luck@unl.edu)), or Dr. Lisa Karr ([lisa.karr@unl.edu](mailto:lisa.karr@unl.edu)).

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

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As a parent or legal guardian, I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) to be a participant in the project described in this form.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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