4-H Horse Activity # 3
Answer Key

True or False (circle the correct answer)

T or F  The most accurate device to measure the height of a horse is a retractable tape measure.

T or F  14.2 hands is the where the height changes over from mini pony to standard pony.

T or F  5'8” is another way to write 14.2 hands.

T or F  The number after the decimal point in a measurement corresponds to inches. For example: 15.1 hands= horse is 15 hands plus one inch.

T or F  A horse should be measured after strenuous work.

T or F  “hh” is a designation that means “hands high”

T or F  If an animal is measured with shoes on, you should deduct 1/2 inch to determine actual height.

T or F  For accuracy a horse should be measured twice, once on each side.

T or F  Your horse should be measured with the head held up to its highest point.

T or F  The measuring device is always put at the bottom of the horses hoof.

Measure up!

Draw a line from the ground to the point where you would measure this horse for height.

Questions and Conversions…

How many inches is a hand? 4”

My horse is 15.2 hands. How many inches is that? 62”

I have a pony that is 52” tall. How many hands is that? 13 hands

What is the highest point that you measure on your horse, for height? Withers

Measure yourself in inches. How many hands are you? ________

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