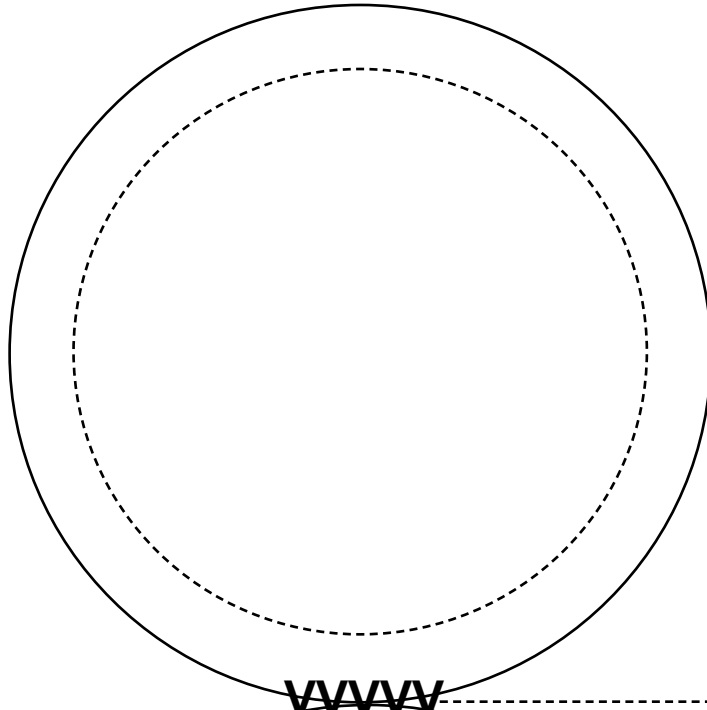




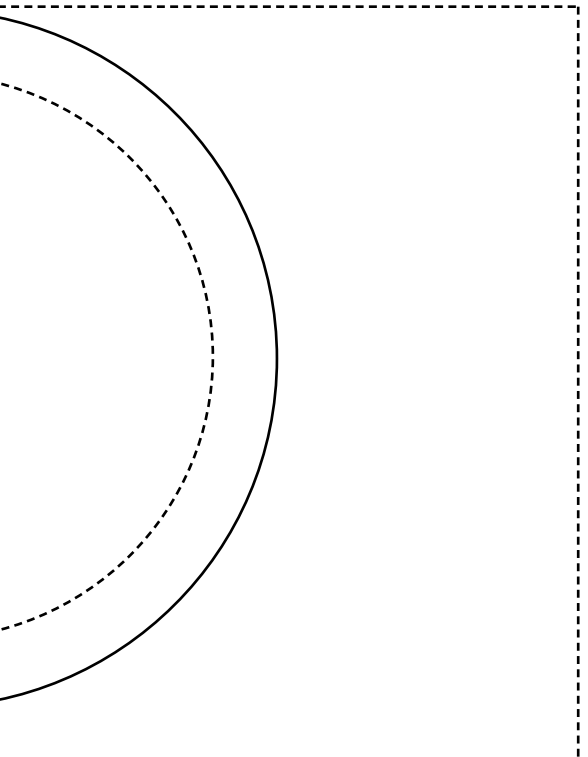
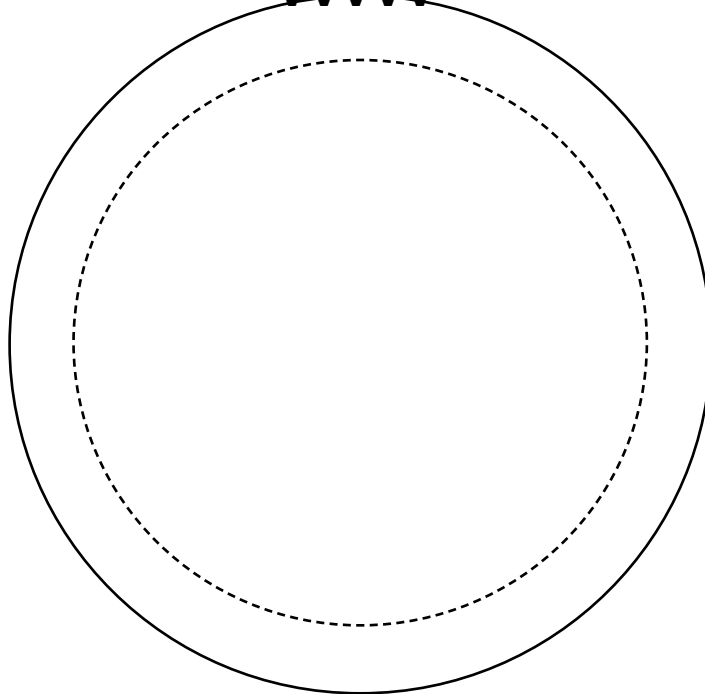
Western Riding Level 3

1. While working on Level 3, the rider should try to achieve a thorough understanding of the use of aids, good control, a secure seat and quiet hands. He/she should practice lots of transitions. Practice on circles at all gaits first large and then gradually working down to 20 meters (about 66'). Doing figure 8's at all gaits is excellent practice too. At this stage a simple change of lead is expected.
2. At this point, a rider should be able to ride with a loose rein. A well-trained, quiet horse will make things much easier. The rider should understand the half-halt and use it when the horse resists, or goes faster than desired. The half-halt is a check on the reins to get the horse's attention and then a release when the horse responds.
3. Just getting through the movements of this test is not enough. At Level 3 we are looking for consistency, refinement of the aids, correctness of position, and smoothness, and correct leads.
4. Lots of trail riding should be done at this stage. Ring work is wonderful for refining aids, control and position, but true balance and adjustability is learned by riding outside the ring.
5. The explanation for the turn on the forehand is attached.

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NAME OF MEMBER:

DATE:

4-H CLUB:

TOTAL POINTS: 190

NEEDED TO PASS: 170

RATER:

TOTAL SCORE:

Scale 1- 5	PREPARATION	
	POINTS NEEDED TO PASS: 40	SCORE
1. Pony/horse clean, well-groomed		
2. Feet properly shod or trimmed		
3. Tack clean, safe, appropriate, adjusted properly		
4. Rider clean and neat with proper boots (with heel) and approved hard hat		
Scale 1-5	GROUND WORK	
1. Rider will ememrgency dismount from a standstill (5)		
2. Rider will explain the aids (5) and demonstrate a turn on the forehand left 180° (5)		
3. Rider will explain the aids (5) and demonstrate a turn on the forehand right 180° (5)		
LOUNGEING PASS/FAIL		
THE RIDER MUST BE ABLE TO CANTER WITH STIRRUPS ON THE LONGE LINE WITHOUT REINS AND WITHOUT HOLDING ON TO THE SADDLE BEFORE MOVING ON TO LEVEL 4		
POINTS NEEDED TO PASS: 84		
WESTERN RIDING PATTERN		
POINTS NEEDED TO PASS: 36		
	SCALE	SCORE
1. Enter at a jog	(1-5)	
2. Jog figure eight	(1-10)	
3. At center of two circles begin and lope a figure eight with simple changes of leads	(1-10)	
4. Stop at center	(1-5)	
5. Back up four steps	(1-10)	