

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.



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“D-1” TEST SHEET

Candidate's name _____

Address _____

Name of Pony Club _____

District Commissioner _____ Region _____

NOTE: Before beginning test, Examiners must read “Guidelines for Club Rating Tests – D-1 through C-2” and the D-1 Standard, including “Information for Candidates,” “Testing Information,” and “Examiners.” Comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS

Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without leading line, demonstrating basic balanced position at the halt and walk, and control at the walk and trot.

RIDING ON THE FLAT

COMMENTS

Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

Hold reins correctly at the halt.

ES _____

Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt.

MS _____

Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt and walk.

DNMS _____

Ride at the walk and trot,
with control, keeping pony on rail.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

Demonstrate simple change of
direction at the walk and trot.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

Perform gradual transitions
from walk to trot and walk to halt.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

Rider should demonstrate basic
balanced position at the walk.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

RIDING OVER FENCES

Walk over poles on the ground in jumping position.

ES _____

Discuss with Examiner the reason for different

MS _____

positions when riding on the flat and over fences.

DNMS _____

Rider should ride over poles
demonstrating basic balanced position.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

M = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

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D-1 TEST SHEET (Continued)

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS

The candidate is a beginning-level horse manager, willing to learn the simple routine necessary for safe handling of quiet, well-trained horses. His or her knowledge will vary widely depending on age, educational level, and experience.

TURN OUT

COMMENTS

Rider in safe and neat attire	ES _____
Pony neatly brushed; feet picked out (with assistance) and showing farrier care.	MS _____
Tack safe and neat (properly adjusted, with assistance if necessary)	DNMS _____

PARTS OF PONY / TACK

Name 10 parts of saddle and bridle (any).	ES _____
Know two reasons for cleaning tack	MS _____
Name any 10 parts of the pony (such as mane, tail, let, etc.).	DNMS _____

STABLE MANAGEMENT

Groom pony with brush and currycomb, pick out feet, with assistance.	ES _____
Give one reason to pick out feet.	MS _____
Tack up and untack pony, with assistance.	DNMS _____

LAND CONSERVATION

Verbally list three different places in your area where you see horse activities taking place. Include where you have your Pony Club mounted meetings.	ES _____
	MS _____
	DNMS _____

LEADING / LONGEING / CONDITIONING / NUTRITION

Approach pony safely, put on halter, lead and turn correctly and safely.	ES _____
Know one reason for cooling out pony after exercise.	MS _____
Know how to give water, grain, hay and tidbit to pony safely.	DNMS _____

HEALTH CARE / VETERINARIAN

Discuss what a veterinarian is.	ES _____
Give one reason why the vet might treat your pony.	MS _____
	DNMS _____

ROAD AND TRAVEL SAFETY

Know basic rules of safe riding in a group, in an enclosed area.	ES _____
	MS _____
	DNMS _____

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



Sections requiring retesting:
(up to total of four; not more than two riding)

A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- This test has a total of 14 sections.
- Retest to cover not more than four sections of the test (not more than two riding sections).
- Retest must take place within one month and must be completed in one day.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
(Examiner for portions retested)