

H-B Study Guide

Refer to the following materials when studying for the H-B, as well as to “recommended reading” from the H-B Standard.

Vol. I = USPC Manual of Horsemanship, D Level

Vol. II = USPC Manual of Horsemanship, C Level

Vol. III = USPC Manual of Horsemanship, B, H-A, A Level

Tack			
Identify bit categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Snaffle - Pelham - Curb 	Vol. I pages 268-272	Vol. III pages 423-439
Demonstrate action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Snaffle - Pelham - Curb 	Vol. I pages 250-253	Vol. III pages 423-439
Identify different types of tack; discuss use and fit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridles - Nosebands - Saddles - Pads - Girths - Martingales - Breastplates - Cruppers - Boots 	Vol. I pages 272-277	Vol. III pages 440-451
Fit Snaffle Bridle		Vol. I pages 250-253	Vol. III page 451
Nutrition			
Relate feeding principles to their effect on the mount's digestive system		Vol. II pages 188-203	Vol. III pages 303-329
Six classes of nutrients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Six classes - Why needed - Primary sources 	Vol. II pages 188-203	Vol. III pages 303-329
Evaluate samples of hay, grain, and bedding for suitability and safety		Vol. III pages 303-329	
In your area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Availability - Cost - Origin of feed - Supplements - Seasonal variations 	Vol. III pages 303-329	
Stable Management/Travel Safety			
Barn safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 safety practices/precautions in facility 	Vol. II pages 172-176	
Poisonous plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify 3 of 5 plants - When toxic - Parts toxic - Symptoms of poisoning 	Vol. II pages 167-171	

Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mount preparation - long/short distance - Vehicle/trailer checklist 	Vol. II pages 261-263	Vol. III pages 411-420
Conditioning			
Discuss how to prepare a horse to be conditioned for their activity of choice		Vol. II pages 233-249	Vol. III pages 289-300
8 Week Conditioning schedule		Vol. II pages 233-249	Vol. III pages 289-300
TPRs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate TPRs - Discuss rest, work, and recovery 	Vol. II pages 233-249	Vol. III pages 289-300
Veterinary			
Health Maintenance Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health care - Feed schedule - Hoof care - Conditioning schedule - Year's worth 	Vol. II page 205	
Teeth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Age of presented mount - Overshot/undershot - Cribbing - Why float - Growth of teeth - Location of molars/incisors - Number of teeth 	Vol. II pages 211-214	Vol. III pages 330-339
Immunization and parasite prevention schedule		Vol. II, pages 206-208	
Parasite lifecycles and damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bots - Ascarids - Small/large strongyles - Pinworms - Tapeworms 	Vol. II pages 205-211	
Discuss symptoms and signs of a mount in distress (including vital signs) and care needed		Vol. II pages 234-237	
Disease prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How diseases are spread - Stabled - Pastured 	Vol. II pages 215-216	
Causes, signs, symptoms, and prevention of diseases as well as care needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colic - Laminitis/founder - Azoturia/tying up - Flu - Strangles - Tetanus - Encephalomyelitis - Rhinopneumonitis - Heaves - Choking - Skin and tooth problems - West Nile virus - Rabies 	Vol. III pages 216-227	

Foot and shoeing

Structures and their function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inner foot - Outer foot 	Vol. II pages 251-259	Vol. III pages 274-288
Identify farrier tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nippers - Clinchers - Hoof knife 	Vol. II page 253	
Imitate shoe removal with tools		Ask farrier for demonstration	
Identify common types of shoes, materials, widths, and features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fullered grooves - Heels - Clips - Concave surface - Bar features - Studs 	Vol. II pages 251-259	

Conformation and Lameness

Leg Anatomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Front leg - Hind leg - Bones - Tendons - Ligaments 	Vol. II pages 311-334	Vol. III pages 251-273
Mount confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good points - Bad points - Relation to soundness - Relation to interfering, over-reaching, forging, brushing, paddling, winging 	Vol. II pages 311-334	Vol. III pages 251-273
Conformation leading to blemishes and unsoundness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Base narrow - Base wide - Back at the knee - Bench knees - Knock knees - Cow hocks 	Vol. II pages 311-334	Vol. III pages 251-273
Cause of lameness, location, and inner structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Navicular - Sidebone - Ringbone - Splints - Osselets - Bog and bone spavins - Thoroughpins - Curb - Bowed Tendon - Bucked shins - Cracks - Corns - Suspensory problems 	Vol. II pages 311-334	Vol. III pages 251-273

Teaching

Unmounted lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D-2-C-1 level - 10 minutes 	Vol. III pages 184-219 pages 301-310	
Written plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flatwork - Jumping 		
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety check - Aspects of teaching 		
Letter from DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mounted lesson assistance (<i>six hours of teaching recommended</i>) 		