



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.



D-2 DRESSAGE TEST SHEET

Candidate's Name _____ Name of Pony Club/Riding Center _____

District Commissioner/Center Administrator _____ Region _____

NOTE: Before beginning test, Examiners must read "Guidelines for Club/Center Certifications- D-1 through C-2" and the D Level Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during test. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase.

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe basic balanced position at the medium walk and working trot, and should begin to develop the canter. These expectations are applied to each block of the test.

<p>RIDING ON THE FLAT—WARM UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary). • Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk. • Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at halt and walk and discuss 2 reasons for doing this. 	<p>____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS</p>
<p>MOVEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate free walk and medium walk on light contact. • Ride at the walk and working trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and 20-meter circles at the rising or sitting trot to show awareness of bend. 	<p>____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and correcting any wrong leads. • Ride without stirrups at the walk. 	<p>____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss performance to include if mount was looking in the directions of the turns (bend) and whether or not mount was on correct leads. • Discuss how to pass others safely while riding in an enclosed area. 	<p>____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS</p>
<p>RIDING OVER GROUND POLES/CAVALETTI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a balanced position at the walk and/or trot over 3-4 ground poles or cavaletti in rising trot or half-seat. • Discuss ways to improve ride and balance. 	<p>____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS</p>

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

MS = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

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DRESSAGE TEST

- Perform USDF Intro Test C from memory.
- Discuss performance to include whether mount picked up correct leads, was mount looking in the direction of the turns (bend), and if circles were round and the correct size.

___ ES
___ DNMS
___ MS

RIDING IN THE OPEN

- Ride with confidence and control, up and down hills (if available), on public or private property (open field or open space), and in a group at the walk.
- Discuss 2-3 ways to show "good manners" or courtesy while riding on someone else's property. (e.g., regarding gates, planted rows in fields, etc.)

___ ES
___ DNMS
___ MS

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

Examiner sign here: _____ DATE: _____

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: _____

Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of two)

A candidate may be re-tested as follows:

- Retest to cover not more than two sections of the test.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking the entire test.
- A candidate may retest only if the candidate qualifies for a retest by passing the minimum number of sections stated on the test sheet.
- Those testing during the current year have until December 1st of the following year to retest. Candidates must arrange for retests through their DC/CA.

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

Retest Examiner SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



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