



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.



C-1 HORSE MANAGEMENT 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 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. **Turnout, Bandaging and Leading/Longeing may be tested separate from other sections. All sections must be passed to be awarded the C-1 HM certification.**

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS: The candidate should show a developing awareness of cause and effect in the care of their mount. He/she should be familiar with local common horse terms. Assistance is recommended in the demonstration of bandaging.

PRESENTATION/TURNOUT AND TACK

- Present in appropriate "Competitive" attire for either Eventing, Dressage, or Show Jumping discipline (found in the discipline rulebook).
- Mount to be well-groomed, reflecting regular care with a healthy coat; no sweat or dirt. Mane and tail brushed with little, if any, dandruff. External areas around sheath/udder clean. Feet picked out and reflecting regular farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips, dock clean.
- Tack to be safe, clean and properly adjusted, reflecting regular care/conditioning with metal polished. No jockeys or dust and all stress points clean.
- Identify tack on own mount and discuss fit.
- Describe 3 different snaffle bits.
- Describe how to adjust a curb chain.

____ ES ____ MS ____ DNMS

Date Tested _____

Examiner Signature: _____

LEADING/LONGEING

- Discuss 3 reasons for longeing.
- Discuss necessary longeing equipment.
- Describe parallel longeing and explain why it might be used.
- Demonstrate parallel leading.

____ ES ____ MS ____ DNMS

Date Tested _____

Examiner Signature: _____

BANDAGING

- Name 2 possible effects of poor bandaging techniques.
- Under direct supervision and, if needed, with assistance from Examiner, apply 2 stable (aka standing) bandages (front and rear diagonal pair).

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Date Tested _____

Examiner Signature: _____

FOOT AND SHOEING

- Discuss causes of thrush and prevention.
- Identify 6 farrier tools and their uses.
- Identify 3 types of shoes.
- Discuss 3 examples of bad shoeing.

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____ DNMS

____ MS

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

MS = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

CONFORMATION AND UNSOUNDNESS

- Identify and discuss 3 bad points of basic leg conformation.
- Name, describe outward appearance, and locate on a mount 5 common unsoundnesses.

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HEALTH AND MAINTENANCE RECORD BOOK

- Provide a hard copy of mount's Health and Maintenance Record Book that contains records for at least 6 months prior to the test. In addition to the information from the previous level, records must contain:
 - Weekly riding/conditioning schedule and changes to this schedule (seasonal or other).
 - Activities (beyond daily routine, e.g., lessons, clinics, competitions, etc.)
 - Extra veterinary visits (beyond routine care).
 - Expenses (income may be added, but not required).

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STABLE MANAGEMENT

- Discuss 1 drainage and 1 absorbent bedding.
- Correctly put on and adjust a blanket/sheet on a mount.
- Describe and give reasons for 3 types of clipping.
- Name 2 internal and 2 external parasites.
- Discuss general barn safety procedures.

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____ DNMS
____ MS

TRAVEL SAFETY

- Name basic equipment needed for mount's safety and comfort during trailer travel.
- Name 2 documents you should carry if traveling long distances or out of state.
- Discuss 5 items from the truck/trailer safety checklist that you should check before you travel.

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____ DNMS
____ MS

NUTRITION

- Discuss how much water an average horse drinks in a day and 2 reasons why water is important for horses.
- Describe 2 characteristics of bad hay.
- Explain why access to good quality roughage is essential.
- Discuss amount and type of feed for own mount.

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C-1 HORSE MANAGEMENT TEST SHEET (Continued)

Candidate Name:

CONDITIONING

- Discuss the meaning of conditioning and the reasons for conditioning a mount.
- Define the conditioning principles: long slow distance work, interval training, inversion, and recovery rate.
- Describe factors to consider before a horse can begin a conditioning program.
- Discuss how you would condition your horse after one month of time off.
- Give the acceptable ranges of TPR for a mount at work.

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 ____ DNMS
 ____ MS

LAND CONSERVATION

- Name 2 different locations near you where the land is used for 3 different activities, including horseback riding.

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 ____ DNMS
 ____ MS

HEALTH CARE AND VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE

- Describe how to treat minor wounds.
- Discuss regular parasite control for own mount, reason why to de-worm a new mount in a barn, and use of a fecal egg test.
- Name 3 things you can do to prevent your horse from contracting a communicable disease (i.e., while riding at other facilities or keeping mount at show grounds).
- Explain the reason for having a Coggins test done.
- Discuss causes, signs, and preventative measures for the following: colic, laminitis, and heaves.

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 ____ DNMS
 ____ MS

TEACHING

- Bring a letter from DC/CA verifying the member assisted twice at an unmounted Pony Club activity.
- Demonstrate a safety and tack inspection for a D member.
- During the inspection, review why items are being checked and any safety issues found.

____ ES
 ____ DNMS
 ____ MS

RIDER SAFETY

- List 3 ways to determine if a riding helmet fits properly.
- List 3 circumstances where a helmet is required to participate in USPC activities.
- Describe 3 signs of heat illness.

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EQUINE SPORTS

- Name 7 disciplines listed on the USPC website

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COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

When ALL sections have been tested, final Examiner sign here: _____

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of four)

A candidate may be re-tested as follows:

- Retest to cover not more than four sections of the 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.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking the entire test.
- 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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