

NAME

REGION

LOCAL CLUB

Qualifications Sheet D-2 Rating

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS:

Instructor should sign and date when achieved.

Candidate should ride without lead line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe, basic, balanced position at the walk and trot and should begin to develop the canter and jumping position. No need to canter over fences.

RIDING ON THE FLAT

Requirement	Instructor's Notes	Date	Initials
Mount & dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary)			
Shorten & lengthen reins at halt & walk.			
Perform balancing & suppling exercises for rider at halt & walk.			
Ride at walk, performing simple turns & large circles.			
Ride without stirrups at the walk.			
Ride at the trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns & large circles.			
Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area & be aware of leads.			
Discuss performance indicating whether pony was on correct lead.			
Rider should demonstrate control while maintaining a safe balanced position at the walk & trot.			

RIDING OVER FENCES

Requirement	Instructor's Notes	Date	Initials
Maintain jumping position at the trot on the flat & over ground poles.			
In an enclosed area, ride a simple stadium course of 4 to 5 obstacles not to exceed 18 inches.			
Discuss ways to improve ride.			
Rider should demonstrate control while developing a safe balanced position over fences.			

RIDING IN THE OPEN

Requirement	Instructor's Notes	Date	Initials
Ride safely & considerately on public & private property in a group at the walk & trot.			
Ride with control up & down hills at the walk & trot.			
Jump simple natural obstacles not to exceed 18 inches.			

D-2 PREP GUIDE HORSE MANAGEMENT

The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills, with assistance if necessary, and should understand the basic reasons for the everyday routines of caring for his or her pony.

NOTE: The test will often ask for only a few of the multiple answers to the questions, but for this guide, you should try to list as many answers as you can—even if only one or two are requested. Please practice verbalizing your answers to someone!

TURN-OUT/TACK

INSPECTION EXPECTATIONS

- Rider in safe & neat attire. Pony Club Pin
- Pony clean & neatly groomed.
- Feet picked out and showing farrier care.
- Tack safe & clean, with attention to stitching, girth, stirrups (properly adjusted by examiner if necessary)

Describe your tack cleaning procedures.

Describe safe & unsafe riding attire. (p. 7-8, 24, 283-285)

SAFE

UNSAFE



STABLE MANAGEMENT

Describe your daily grooming routine including how to pick out feet.

List 3 examples of unsafe equipment.

Name 3 common stable vices of horses.

Name 5 grooming tools & explain how to use them.

List some Do & Don't notes for yourself in the following areas:
You will be asked to demonstrate these tasks for your rating test.

Be able to tack & untack independently. (Include discussion of bit-teeth, girth adjustment, halter-bridle sequence)

Demonstrate how to lead pony in & out of a stall safely.

Do & Don't Notes continued:

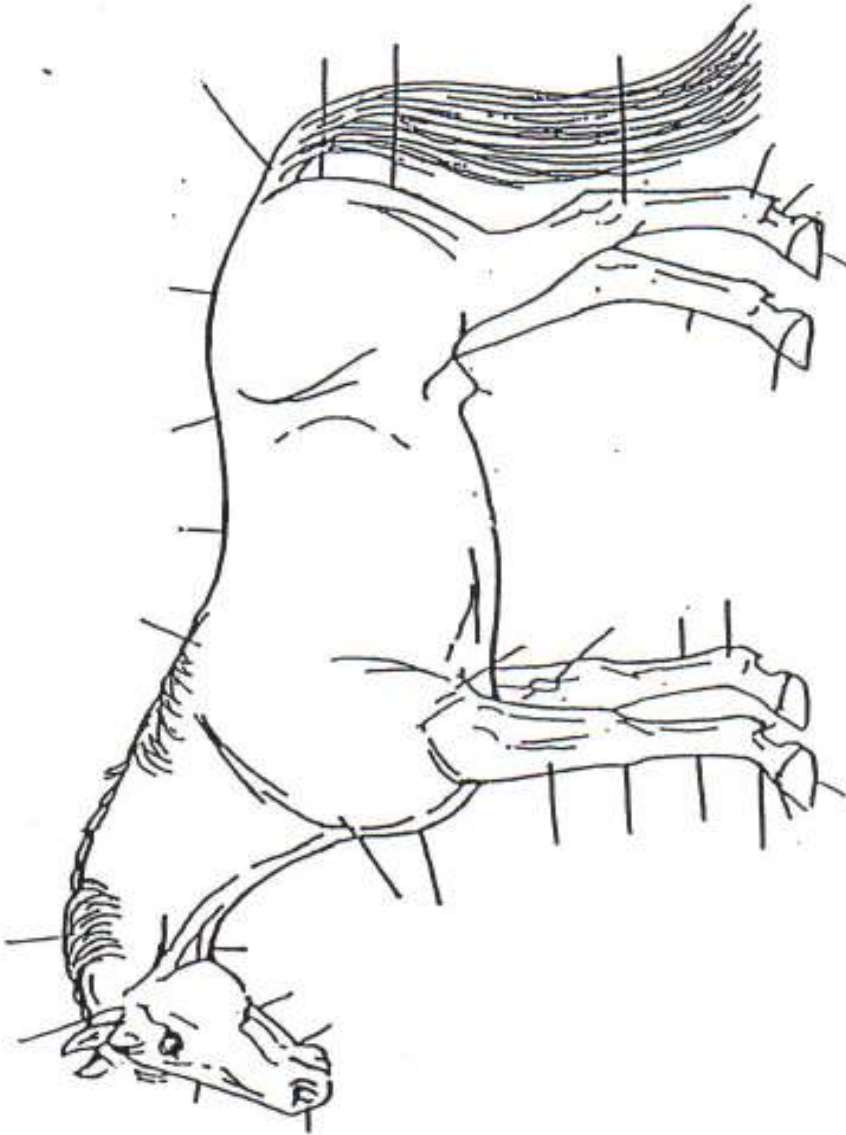
Demonstrate a quick release knot by tying up pony in an appropriate place.

Demonstrate how to lead pony correctly in bridle and tacked up.

Demonstrate walk-halt-walk transitions in hand.

PONY PARTS & CONFORMATION

Name and locate 15 parts of the pony.



Name and describe 6 colors of ponies.

Name and describe 5 markings on ponies.

Name 4 horse or pony breeds.

CONDITIONING & NUTRITION

Name 5 rules of feeding.

Describe basic condition of own pony.(p. 195-198)

Describe ways to know if pony is properly cooled out.

FOOT & SHOEING

List the reasons for daily foot care.

Give 2 reasons why the farrier regularly checks your pony.

VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE

Give 2 reasons to have your pony routinely checked by a veterinarian.

BANDAGING

Give 2 reasons why you would bandage a pony's legs.

Be able to apply, with assistance, protective boots (such as splint boots or sports medicine boots) and bell boots appropriate to pony's leg. Give a reason for applying each type and areas which are being protected.

- Protective boots

- Bell boots

TRAVEL SAFETY

Know the basic rules for riding on public roads in your state.

Name two ways you can help your pony be safe in a trailer.