



## THE PONY CLUB STANDARDS OF EFFICIENCY TEST SHEET 2016

### 'C+' HORSE AND PONY CARE

#### GENERAL

The Efficiency Tests provide a staircase of knowledge and progression when taken in sequence. Before taking the C+ Test, candidates must have passed the C Test and The Pony Club's Road Rider Achievement Badge or the BHS Ride Safe test. Riders may be required to change horses or ponies for some flat work.

#### OBJECTIVE

- To become an educated and practical rider.
- To ride over fences at all paces.
- To gain practical experience and knowledge of the care of a stabled pony and of a pony at grass.

#### HORSE & PONY CARE

##### Management of Horses and Ponies in work

1. Know and discuss the care, feeding and work of a pony off grass.
2. Know and discuss the care, feeding and work of a stabled pony.
3. Know the importance of keeping the stable and work area clean and tidy.

##### Feeding

4. Understand the rules of watering and feeding.
5. Be able to recognise various different feedstuffs and know what each is used for.
6. Understand the importance of bulk in the diet.
7. Know when to feed hay or haylage.

##### Grooming, bandaging and travel

8. Know the articles of grooming kit and use them effectively.
9. Put on a stable bandage.
10. Prepare a horse for travel, including rugs, travel boots or bandages and tail bandage etc.
11. Load and unload the horse into a trailer or horse box safely.

##### Foot and Shoeing

12. Describe a hunter (general purpose) shoe.
13. Name the external parts of the foot.
14. Know the structure of the horse's foot as shown in the Manual of Horsemanship.
15. Know the names of the farrier's tools.

##### Tack

16. Fit a saddle and bridle

17. Recognise a variety of bits including snaffles, double jointed snaffles and gags.
18. Understand their actions and uses.

### **Health and First Aid**

19. Know when a horse is lame.
20. Recognise symptoms of illness.
21. Understand the signs and reasons for poor condition.
22. Know when to call the vet.
23. Care for a wound until the vet arrives.
24. Put a poultice on a horse's leg.

### **READ**

The Manual of Horsemanship

So You Want to Buy a Pony?

The Country Code - The Countryside Commission

Pony Guide File

Achievement Badge Buddies: Lorinery, Cleaning Tack

Equipment Safety Achievement Badge Syllabus

### **VIEW**

DVDs: Stable Management Series (Handling and Leading, Health and Condition)

**Minimum age: 13 years**

**Felt Colour – Turquoise**