

PONY CLUB



**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 being awarded the 'C' Test Certificate, Candidates must have trained for and passed The Pony Club's Road Rider Achievement Badge or The Pony Club Road Rider Test or the BHS Ride Safe test.

OBJECTIVE

- To have a knowledge of the care and working of a pony off grass.
- To be in control of the pony on the roads and in the countryside. To have a proper regard for country lore

HORSE & PONY CARE

1. Care and working of a pony off grass.
2. Elementary feeding, watering and cleanliness of the pony.
3. Groom a grass kept pony.
4. Put on a tail bandage.
5. Know when a pony needs shoeing.
6. Put on a saddle, bridle and martingale.
7. Have some knowledge of correctly fitting tack (saddle clearing withers, height of bit).
8. Be able to do up a curb chain correctly.
9. Know correct fitting for a flash nose band.
10. Elementary care and cleaning of saddlery (tack care after daily exercise).
11. Know the main indications for health in the pony.
12. Know to clean minor wound.
13. Know which wounds require veterinary attention.
14. Understand the reason for anti-tetanus vaccination and know when their pony was vaccinated.
15. Recognise when a pony is clearly lame.
16. Explain how to load and unload a horse or pony safely, considering yourself, the pony and any helpers.
17. Understand the importance and the means of protecting the legs while travelling.
18. Put on and take off, stable and turn out rugs.
19. Understand and show how to lift safely objects in general use around the stable yard, for example feed and water buckets.

READ

So You Want to Buy a Pony?

Pony Guide File

The Manual of Horsemanship – read the sections below:

The stirrups

Identification and classification

Saddling up

Putting on and fitting a bridle, unsaddling

Care of saddlery

The signs of good health

Lameness - Identifying the lame leg

Loading - with an assistant

Unloading

'The Country Code' – The Countryside Commission

Wallcharts: Tack, Grooming, Native Ponies, First Aid

Recommended Minimum age: 11 years

Felt Colour: Meadow Green