

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.



A National Organization to Teach Riding, Mounted Sports, and Care of Horses and Ponies to Those Under Twenty-One

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“D-2” TEST SHEET

Candidate's name _____

Address _____

Name of Pony Club _____

District Commissioner _____ Region _____

NOTE: Before beginning test, Examiners must read “Guidelines for Club Rating Tests – D-1 through C-2” and the D-2 Standard, including “Information for Candidates,” “Testing Information,” and “Examiners.” Comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS

Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without leading 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

COMMENTS

Mount and dismount independently _____ ES _____
(using mounting block if necessary) _____ MS _____
Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk. _____ DNMS _____

Perform balancing and suppling _____ ES _____
exercises for rider at halt and walk. _____ MS _____
Ride at the walk, performing simple turns and large circles. _____ DNMS _____
Ride without stirrups at the walk.
Discuss one or two reasons for doing balancing/suppling exercises.

Ride at the trot on correct diagonal, _____ ES _____
performing simple turns and large circles. _____ MS _____
_____ DNMS _____

Ride at the canter in both directions _____ ES _____
in an inclosed area and be aware of leads. _____ MS _____
_____ DNMS _____

Discuss performance with Examiner, indicating _____ ES _____
whether or not pony was on correct lead. _____ MS _____
_____ DNMS _____

Rider should demonstrate control while maintaining _____ ES _____
a safe balanced position at the walk and trot. _____ MS _____
_____ DNMS _____

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

M = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

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D-2 TEST SHEET (Continued)

RIDING OVER FENCES

COMMENTS

Maintain jumping position at the trot, on the flat, and over ground poles.

ES ____
MS ____
DNMS ____

In an enclosed area, ride a simple stadium course of four to five obstacles not to exceed 18".
Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride.

ES ____
MS ____
DNMS ____

Rider should demonstrate control while developing a safe basic balanced position over fences (No need to canter over fences.)

ES ____
MS ____
DNMS ____

RIDING IN THE OPEN

Ride safely and considerately on public and private property, in a group, at the walk and trot.
Ride with control, up and down hills at the walk and trot.
Discuss two or three things to do to show "good manners" or courtesy while riding on someone else's property. (i.e., regarding gates, planted rows in fields, etc.)

ES ____
MS ____
DNMS ____

Jump simple natural obstacles, not to exceed 18" (No ditches or banks)

ES ____
MS ____
DNMS ____

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS

The candidate is 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 own pony.

TURN OUT

COMMENTS

Rider in safe and neat attire
Pony clean and neatly groomed, feet picked out and showing farrier care.
Tack safe and clean, with attention to stitching, girth, stirrups (properly adjusted by Examiner, if necessary).

ES ____
MS ____
DNMS ____

PARTS OF PONY

Name and locate any 15 parts of the pony.
Name and describe six colors of ponies.
Name and describe five markings on ponies.
Name four horse or pony breeds.

ES ____
MS ____
DNMS ____

STABLE MANAGEMENT

Groom pony, pick out feet, with assistance if needed.
Name five grooming tools and explain how to use them.
Tack and untack independently.
List three examples of unsafe equipment.
Name three common stable vices.

ES ____
MS ____
DNMS ____

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LEADING & LONGEING

Lead pony in and out of stall safely, tie up
in appropriate place with quick release knot.
Lead pony correctly in hand and tacked up.
Do walk-halt-walk transitions in hand.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

CONDITIONING & NUTRITION

Name three to five rules for feeding,
and explain feeding schedule for own pony.
Know basic condition of own pony.
Describe ways to know if pony is properly cooled out.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

FOOT & SHOEING

Know reasons for daily foot care.
Give two reasons why the farrier
regularly checks your pony.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE / BANDAGING

Give two reasons why you would bandage a pony's leg(s).
Apply (with assistance) protective boots and bell boots
appropriate to pony's leg.
Give two reasons to have your pony
routinely checked by a veterinarian.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

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.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Sections requiring retesting:
(up to total of six; not more than three riding)

A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- This test has a total of 18 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* six sections of the test (not more than three riding sections).
- Retest must take place within one month and must be completed in one day.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(Examiner for portions retested)