



USPC ACHIEVEMENT BADGE PROGRAM





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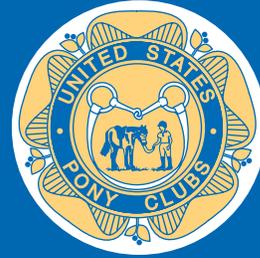
This program was designed to develop a sense of achievement between ratings for members working at the D-Levels. It also gives instructors another tool to teach basic knowledge of horse care and sets a foundation for ratings.

This is a brand new program and currently ten badges are available. Your feedback is appreciated and will help shape the program into a constructive tool to be used throughout USPC.

Badges should be awarded in an enjoyable arrangement for both members and instructors, allowing the members to confidently demonstrate the knowledge they have gained. It is up to the individual clubs and centers to devise a system for the awarding of badges. The aim of this program is to steer away from a “formal” atmosphere of testing and allow the members to express as much of their knowledge as possible in a hands on manner (*e.g., using a bridle to talk about its parts instead of pointing at a picture*).

This booklet outlines the objectives for each badge and provides guidance on what knowledge will be needed to achieve each badge.

Items on which badges may be displayed (*e.g., sweatshirts, bags, caps, etc.*) are available from the USPC Bookstore. You may place an order for these items at www.ponyclub.org or call 859/422-5522.



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GROOMING

OBJECTIVE: To be able to properly groom a mount in safe manner.



GROOMING TOOL:	USED FOR:	HOW TO USE:

HOW TO TIE A QUICK RELEASE KNOT

Badge achieved on:

Awarded by:



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FEEDING

OBJECTIVE: To be able to correctly and safely water and feed a balanced diet.

HOW TO GIVE A TREAT

GIVE THE RULES FOR FEEDING

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

HOW TO FEED

Water

Grain

Hay

Badge achieved on:

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GIVE EXAMPLES OF TYPES OF FEED



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HORSE PARTS, CONTINUED



DESCRIBE THE COLOR

Black:

Brown:

Bay:

Chestnut:

Grey:

Roan:

Dun:

Palomino:

Pinto:

Appaloosa:

Badge achieved on:

Awarded by:

MEASURING A MOUNT

Hand = ____ inches

Small Pony = _____ hands and under

Medium Pony = _____ to _____ hands

Large Pony = _____ to _____ hands

Horse = _____ hands and over

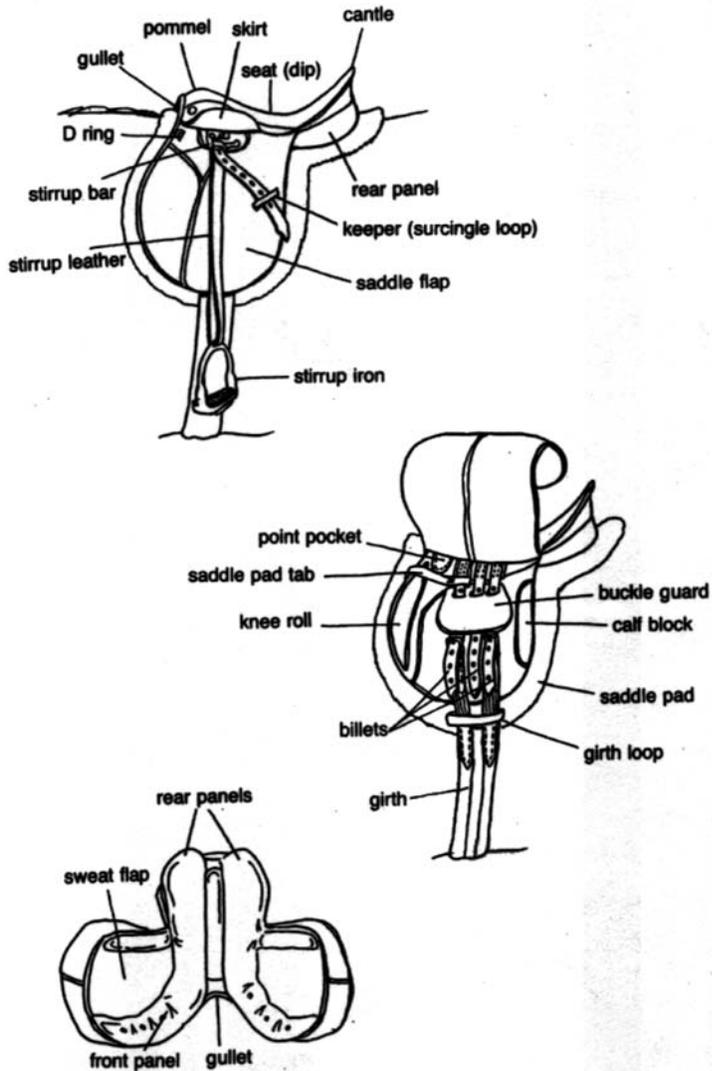


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TACK

OBJECTIVE: To be able to properly identify the parts of a bridle and saddle and to safely tack and untack a mount.

NAME THE SADDLE PARTS



Parts of the saddle



Badge achieved on:

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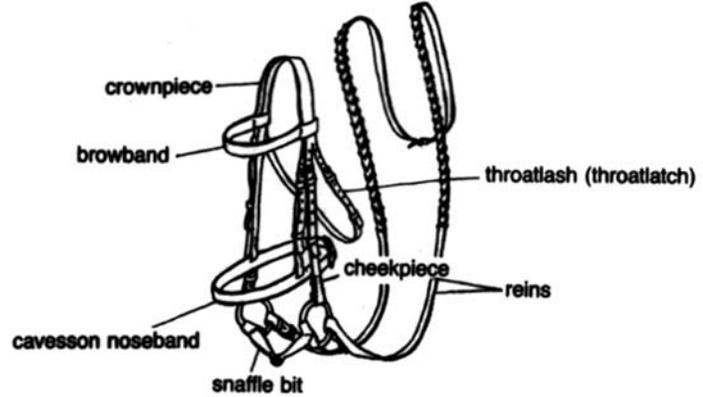


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TACK, CONTINUED

NAME THE BRIDLE PARTS



WHY CLEAN TACK

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

SADDLING *(fill in the blanks)*

Put the saddle pad on in _____ of the _____ and slide _____, so the hair is _____ and _____.

Set the saddle on the _____. The saddle should be sit in the _____ below the pony's _____.

Go to the pony's right (off) side and fasten the _____. Buckle the girth to the _____ and _____ billets, about _____ up.

Go to the pony's left (near) side and fasten the _____. Bring the _____ under and buckle to the _____ and _____ billets.

Tighten the _____ and check it by slipping your _____ under it just below the _____.

Stretch the pony's _____.

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Awarded by:

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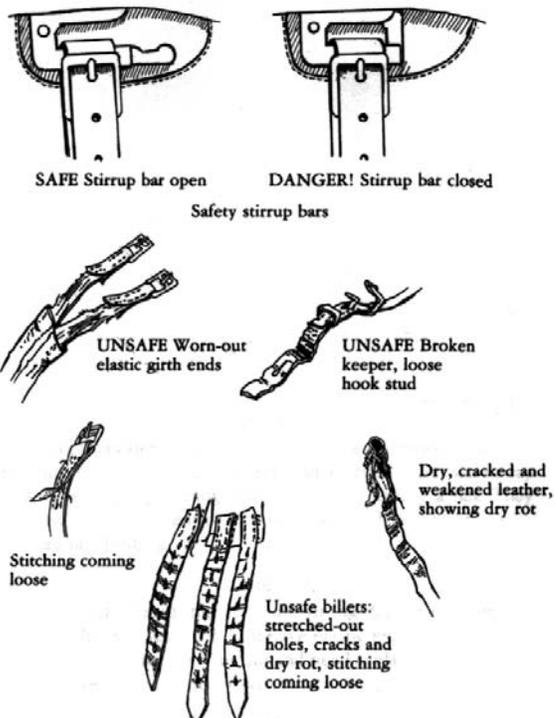
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TACK, CONTINUED

BRIDLING *(circle True or False)*

- T or F Before putting the bridle on, the noseband and throatlash should be unbuckled.
- T or F It's okay for the pony to be loose when bridling.
- T or F The reins should go over the pony's head.
- T or F When using the over the poll method to bridle, your right hand holds the crownpiece and the left hand holds the bit.
- T or F When using the arm around under head method to bridle, your right hand holds the bit and the left hand holds the side of the bridle.
- T or F The throatlash should be buckled tightly.
- T or F The forelock should be over the browband.
- T or F If the pony is hard to bridle, you should sit on its neck.
- T or F If the pony is hard to bridle, you should get help.

UNSAFE TACK



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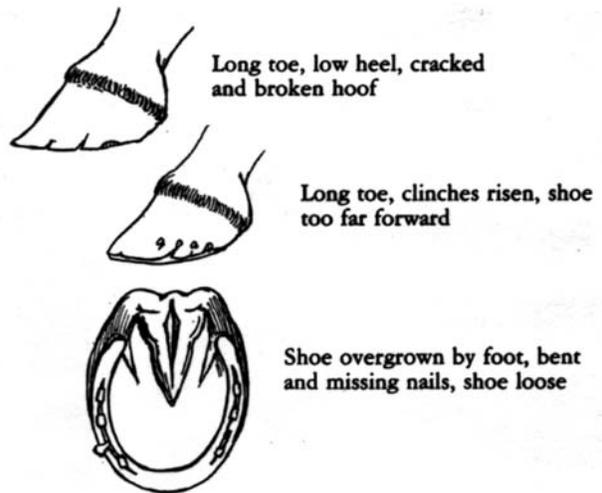


SHOEING

OBJECTIVE: To be able to demonstrate a knowledge of healthy hoof maintenance and its importance.

HOW TO PICK OUT A HOOF

SIGNS OF A HOOF THAT NEEDS SHOEING



FARRIER TOOLS

Name _____ Use _____

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SIGNS OF A NEWLY SHOD HOOF

WHY CARE FOR HOOVES

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



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HEALTH CARE

OBJECTIVE: To be able to describe a healthy mount and one that needs help, understand the role of a veterinarian, and regular health maintenance of a mount.

VETERINARIAN

SIGNS OF A HEALTHY MOUNT

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.

WHEN TO SEEK HELP FOR A SICK OR INJURED MOUNT

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

WHY DE-WORM

- 1.
- 2.

LIST THE TYPES OF COMMON VACCINATIONS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



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BOOTS AND BANDAGES



OBJECTIVE: To understand the protective nature of boots and bandages and how and when to apply them.

Bandage

Purpose

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Shipping bandages/boots protect the _____ from the _____ to the _____ and _____. They should cover the _____ and the _____, the _____ and _____ joint, and the _____ up to the bottom of the _____ or _____.

Boot

Purpose

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LEADING

OBJECTIVE: To be able to properly and safely halter, lead, and tie a mount.

HOW TO APPROACH A MOUNT FROM THE FRONT

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- 2.
- 3.

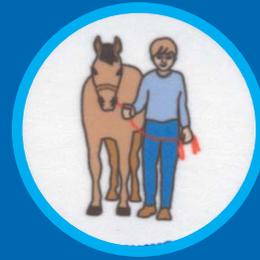
HOW TO APPROACH A MOUNT FROM THE REAR

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

WHAT IS A SAFE AREA TO TIE A MOUNT

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

HOW TO TIE A QUICK RELEASE KNOT



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TACK AND TURNOUT



OBJECTIVE: To be able to properly present oneself and his/her mount.

EVERYDAY ATTIRE

INFORMAL ATTIRE

FORMAL ATTIRE

PLACES TO CHECK FOR DIRT ON A MOUNT

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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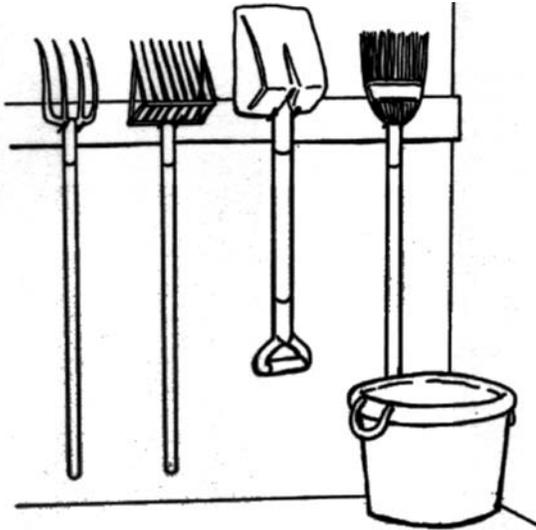


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STABLE MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: To be able to properly and safely care for a mount in a stall.

NAME THE BARN TOOLS



STEPS IN CLEANING A STALL

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

HOW TO HANG WATER AND GRAIN

HOW TO HANG A HAY NET

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STABLE MANAGEMENT, CONTINUED

LIST INFORMATION TO BE FOUND ON A STALL CARD

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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