Tack and Grooming Supplies

Whether you're new to the show world or a veteran in the ring, tack and grooming tools are a key to success. Below lists a general list for supplies needed on-hand when showing.

Tack for Non-Borders

- -saddle
- -show pad
- -practice pads (if needed)
- -non-slip pad (if needed)

Tack for Borders

- -saddle
- -girth
- -bridle
- -martingale (if needed)
- -baby pads
- -practice pads (if needed)
- -non-slip pad (if needed)
- -shipping halter (breakaway)
- -lead rope (paracord)
- -leather halter
- -leather leadline

*Saddle must be an appropriate size for the rider. All tack, whether you're a non-border or border, should be polished/conditioned prior to showing. Pads should be clean and in show condition. Recommended brands for show pads include Fleeceworks, Shires, and LeMieux. Show pads can be half or full; Hunter. It's recommended that all tack is clearly labeled, either on the back or with brass tags. It's important to keep track of your own tack and gear when showing.

Other Necessities for Borders

- -blankets, coolers, sheets, and scrims (depending on weather)
- -jump boots
- -bell boots
- -shipping boots
- -leg wraps
- -polo wraps
- -bandages
- -ear plugs
- -hay bag

*Inspect blankets, boots, and bandages prior to leaving for the show. Make sure that everything is labeled properly and has been repaired; if mending needs to happen.

Tack Care

- -tack box (for away shows)
- -bridle bag
- -boot bag
- -boot polish
- -saddle butter
- -tack sponges

Grooming Essentials

- -grooming tote/box
- -curry brush
- -hard brush
- -soft brash
- -mane comb
- -tail brush
- -hoof pick
- -seam ripper/yarn/elastic (if needed for A/AA shows)
- -baby oil

- -rags (2-3)
- -hoof polish
- -detangler
- -show sheen
- -shampoo
- -conditioner
- -soap
- -vinegar
- -vetrolin
- -sponge
- -sweat scraper
- -towels (both hand and bath size)
- -fly spray
- -corona ointment
- -desitin
- -handheld clippers