

Kent County 4-H Horsemasters Dismounted Abilities

GROOMING

Novice 1-3

Junior 1-6

Senior All skills

- _____ 1. Demonstrate the correct use of the grooming tools.
- _____ 2. Clean out a horse's or pony's feet.
- _____ 3. Care for a horse or pony after it has been worked.
- _____ 4. Accurately measure a horse or pony for:
 - a. height
 - b. heart girth (weight)
- _____ 5. Show how to wash a horse or pony.
- _____ 6. Demonstrate the correct procedure for blanketing a horse or pony.
- _____ 7. Braid or band a mane.
- _____ 8. Clip a horse or pony for show.

(Please list date each skill is completed)

FEED AND HEALTH CARE

Novice 1-2

Junior 1-6

Senior All skills

- _____ 1. Clean out and bed down a stall.
- _____ 2. Water and feed a horse or pony.
- _____ 3. Demonstrate how to clean and treat a wound using your first-aid kit.
- _____ 4. Show how to bandage a leg wound.
- _____ 5. Show how to bandage the legs of a horse or pony for transportation (support).
- _____ 6. Explain the contents of the hay and grain and how to determine their quality.
- _____ 7. Demonstrate a procedure used in locating lameness or unsoundness.
- _____ 8. Describe how to remove a shoe.

(Please list date each skill is completed)

BASIC HANDLING

Novice 1-4

Junior 1-7

Senior All skills

- _____ 1. Put on and adjust a halter and remove it safely.
- _____ 2. Catch a horse or pony:
 - a. in a stall, halter on
 - b. in a stall, halter off
 - c. in a paddock or pasture, halter on
 - d. in a paddock or pasture, halter off
- _____ 3. Lead a horse or pony:
 - a. a halter and lead rope
 - b. a bridle
- _____ 4. Tie a horse or pony with a safety knot:
 - a. in a stall
 - b. to a tree or post
- _____ 5. Show how to use a leadrope (chain) as a means or control:
 - a. over the nose
 - b. under the jaw
 - c. be prepared to discuss when to use each of these
- _____ 6. Make a temporary rope halter from a loose rope.
- _____ 7. Longe a horse at the walk and trot.
- _____ 8. Longe a horse at the canter.
- _____ 9. Show a method of tying a halter puller.
- _____ 10. Demonstrate long-lining.

(Please list date each skill is completed)

RIDING EQUIPMENT

Novice 1-5

Junior 1-7

Senior All skills

- _____ 1. Saddle a horse or pony.
- _____ 2. Bridle a horse or pony.
- _____ 3. Demonstrate how to untack a horse or pony.
- _____ 4. Show how to handle a saddle while not on the horse or pony. (How to set it down and how to store it properly.)
- _____ 5. Show how to clean tack.
- _____ 6. Take apart a bridle and put it back together again.
- _____ 7. Show how to adjust tack properly including: bridle, throat latch, curb strap or chain (if applicable), girth, and stirrups.
- _____ 8. Demonstrate the use of one piece of additional tack.
- _____ 9. Demonstrate the use of horse or pony protective riding equipment.

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