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“C-1” HORSE MANAGEMENT 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 C-1 Standards of Proficiency (SOP), including “Information for Candidates,” “Testing Information,” and “Examiners.” Examiner must read and be familiar with all previous Standards test sheets (D-1 through D-3). Examiner must have copy of the C-1 SOP with them during test. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests. *The test will follow, as far as possible, the order given below.*

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS: The candidate should show a developing awareness of cause and effect in the care of own mount. He/she should be familiar with local common horse terms. Assistance is recommended in demonstration of bandaging.

TURN OUT	
<p>Attire to be correctly formal or informal, Pony Club pin, long hair neatly up or back, and no inappropriate jewelry.</p> <p>Mount to be well groomed, reflecting regular care, with healthy coat and no sweat or dirt; mane and tail brushed with little to no dandruff; external areas around sheath/udder clean; feet picked, showing regular farrier care; eyes, nose, lips, dock clean.</p> <p>Tack is to be safe, properly adjusted, and supple; no jockeys or dust, stress points clean; no cracked leather; metal clean/polished; stirrup pads clean.</p> <p>Identify all tack used on own mount and discuss fit.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: right;">___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ MS</p> </div>
CONDITIONING	
<p>Discuss what is meant by conditioning and how to condition for Pony Club activity of candidate's choice.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: right;">___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ MS</p> </div>
NUTRITION	
<p>Describe how feeds are measured and weighed; know amount and type of feed for own mount; describe characteristics of good and bad feed, watering, and pasture.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: right;">___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ MS</p> </div>
STABLE MANAGEMENT	
<p>Discuss bedding appropriate to candidate's area.</p> <p>Describe conditions which foster internal & external parasites, procedures for parasite control, in pasture and stall management; describe ways to control flies and bot eggs.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: right;">___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ MS</p> </div>
<p>Discuss types and causes of stable vices.</p> <p>Describe and give reasons for three types of clipping.</p> <p>Put a blanket/sheet on own mount, demonstrating proper fit, and proper fit of a halter.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: right;">___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ MS</p> </div>

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

M = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

CONFORMATION & LAMENESS	
Identify good and bad points of basic leg conformation. Describe five common unsoundnesses as to location and outward appearance.	____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
TRAVEL SAFETY	
Discuss basic equipment needed for mount's safety and comfort during trailer travel. Demonstrate trailer safety check using Trailer Safety Checklist (found on USPC website/forms)	____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
RECORD BOOK	
Review candidate's Pony Health Maintenance Record Book (Must cover a minimum of 6 months prior to testing, to include immunizations, worming schedule, teeth care, veterinary visits, farrier care).	____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
HEALTH CARE / VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE	
Describe how to treat minor wounds. Discuss regular worming control for own mount, and how and why to de-worm new horses in barn. Know health care schedule for own mount including dates of inoculations (tetanus, encephalomyelitis, etc.) deworming, shoeing, and teeth floating. Measure and record pulse, temperature and respiration of own mount at rest (with assistance).	____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
INTRODUCTION TO HORSE SPORTS	
List all the horse sports offered in USPC.	____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
TEACHING	
Under direct supervision of examiner, demonstrate, and explain to a D Pony Club member, reasons for a safety and tack inspection, and discuss any safety issues found.	____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
LAND CONSERVATION	
Name three different uses of land on which you, or others, ride. <i>Examples: Farmland, fair grounds, crops, etc.</i> If your region conducts an Eventing Rally, determine who owns the land where the rally is held and the total amount of acres owned. Identify one place in your area previously used for equestrian activities that is no longer available.	____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
LONGEING	
Discuss reasons for longeing, necessary equipment and safety procedures. Demonstrate jogging a mount, moving mount actively forward from the whip, with smooth transitions.	____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

