

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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## “C-2” 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-2 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 and C-1). 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 solid awareness of cause and effect in horse management skills. Assistance/supervision is allowed in the demonstration of bandaging, longeing, and loading mount.**

<p><b>TURN OUT</b></p> <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 thoroughly groomed, reflecting regular care, with healthy coat and no sweat or dirt; mane and tail brushed with no dandruff. Sheath or udder is to show regular care and cleaning. Feet are to be picked, reflecting regular farrier care, and eyes, nose, lips, dock clean.</p> <p>Tack is to be safe, clean and properly adjusted, reflecting regular care and conditioning, with metal polished and stress points clean. (No jockeys, dust or cracked leather present.)</p> <p>Explain reasons for equipment used on own mount for flat work and demonstrate proper adjustment.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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<p><b>CONDITIONING</b></p> <p>Present a written outline of a six- to eight-week conditioning and feeding program in preparation for a specific competition of candidate’s choice (may be maintained in record book).</p> <p>Measure and record pulse, temperature and respiration of own mount at rest in front of examiner.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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<p><b>NUTRITION</b></p> <p>Describe own mount’s ration when developing fitness, maintaining fitness, taking day off, sick, or roughed out.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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<p><b>STABLE MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Describe caring for a mount efficiently and economically when:</p> <p><b>Stabled:</b> feed &amp; water schedule, minerals needed, clothing, exercise, grooming.</p> <p><b>At Grass:</b> safety-check of pasture, fencing, water, mineral supply, shelter, feed and grooming.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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**KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard**

**M = Meets Standard**

**DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard**

<p>Discuss knowledge of safety measures, preparation, and care of mount and equipment on a day of strenuous work, including feed schedule, consideration of mount's condition, consideration of climate and terrain, cooling out, treatment of any injuries, and making mount comfortable.</p> <p>Discuss pasture safety and fencing.</p> <p>Name three toxic plants in your area and describe appearance.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ES	___DNMS	___MS
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**CONFORMATION & LAMENESS**

<p>Name five basic conformation qualities you want in a mount for your own use, and how they affect basic movement and soundness.</p> <p>Name and locate on a mount the following areas of unsoundness: ringbone, curb, bowed tendons, sidebone, spavin, navicular, splint, thoroughpin, sprains.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ES	___DNMS	___MS
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**TRAVEL SAFETY**

<p>Be able to load and unload, with assistance, an experienced, cooperative mount.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ES	___DNMS	___MS
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**RECORD BOOK**

<p>Record Book (health, maintenance, immunizations) must be kept up-to-date and brought to test. Book must have records for at least 9 months prior to testing and reflect appropriate depth of knowledge for this level.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ES	___DNMS	___MS
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**VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE**

<p>List annual immunizations and health requirements appropriate for your area.</p> <p>Describe how tetanus and strangles are transmitted.</p> <p>Explain the need for regular care of teeth.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ES	___DNMS	___MS
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<p>List prevalent internal parasites in your area.</p> <p>Describe routine parasite prevention for your mount.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ES	___DNMS	___MS
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**TEACHING**

<p>Assist a D-1 and/or D-2 to prepare for turnout under direct supervision of examiner. Candidate is to explain to D member the appropriate steps and safety procedures. Assess turnout and equipment and explain concerns to D member..</p> <p>Candidate must bring a letter from DC that states he/or she is assisting in simple unmounted instructional programs for D-level Pony Club members with supervision.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ES	___DNMS	___MS
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<b>LAND CONSERVATION</b>	
Name the zoning requirements for the county in which you keep your horse. <i>Example: A minimum of 10 acres is required to keep one horse.</i>  What public land is available to ride on in your county?	___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<b>LONGEING</b>	
Discuss methods, equipment and safety precautions for longeing.  Longe an appropriate mount for exercise in an enclosed area with assistance.	___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<b>FOOT &amp; SHOEING</b>	
Recognize and describe good and bad shoeing.	___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<b>BANDAGING</b>	
Apply shipping bandage and stable/standing bandage under supervision of examiner, and give reasons for use.  Give reasons for use.	___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS

**COMMENTS** (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

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Sections requiring retesting:  
(up to total of five)

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**A candidate may be re tested as follows:**

- This test has a total of 15 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* five sections of the test.
- 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)