



The South African Pony Club



FIRST AID (EQUINE) ACHIEVEMENT BADGE

GUIDELINES:

To learn how to treat minor wounds and illnesses.

To be able to recognise signs of good / ill health and know the necessity for protection against Tetanus, Equine Flu, Worms.

Recommended Reading:

The Manual of Horsemanship – Chapter 30.

KEYPOINTS:

Recognise symptoms and describe treatment of minor wounds / illness – such as punctures, lameness, swellings, colic.

Explain why ponies should be regularly vaccinated against Tetanus and Equine flu. Describe a typical worming programme.

TEACHING, TESTING IDEAS AND RESOURCES:

Members' knowledge in this area will be very dependent on practical knowledge / experiences gained by owning a pony or frequently being around a yard. Newer rider / owners will need to be invited / encouraged to inspect various types of wounds, swellings, etc and the simple remedies / treatments, e.g. salt solution, hosing, etc.

(Instructors must be careful not to expect too high a standard (keep it to a 'C' test level) or make instruction too complex).

Make use of wall planners for worming programmes. Need for regularity; reasons for using a variety of wormers.

Testing should be of a practical nature whenever possible, using the child's own pony or a 'donor' as appropriate.

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