



The South African Pony Club

B STANDARD – HORSE AND PONY CARE

GENERAL

- The Test may be taken as a whole or in two parts:
 - [B Standard Riding](#)
 - B Standard Horse and Pony Care
- These Tests may be taken on different occasions and in any order

OBJECTIVE:

- To gain practical experience and knowledge of the care of a stables horse/pony and of a horse/pony at grass
- To look after these before, during and after the day's hunting or other activity

Candidates may be required to ride more than one horse.

Before taking the 'B' Test, Candidates must have passed the 'C' Test including the BHS Riding and Road Safety Test or Pony Club Road Rider Test.

The practice of bringing pressure to bear on DC's, Examiners and other Pony Club Officials to treat as special cases those who happen to be using the Test as an Entry/Professional Qualification is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

HORSEMASTERSHIP

- Knowledge of the care and working of a pony off grass and of a corn-fed, stables horse and of exercising and getting a horse fit
- Daily routine
- Have some knowledge of stabling – ventilation, light, drainage, shelter and warmth
- Know principles of watering and feeding and be able to put them into practice. Have a knowledge of the different items of forage
- Know the articles of the grooming kit and be able to use them
- Be able to rug up and bandage correctly for stable and for travel and discuss types of rug, surcingles, tail and poll guards, etc
- Prepare a horse for travel and be capable of loading it in a horse box/trailer having first inspected the vehicle for safety and road-worthiness
- Describe a horse, recognising good and bad points of conformation
- Know something of the structure of the horse's foot. Be able to name parts of the foot
- Know the parts of the horse's shoe and different types of shoe
- Understand the methods of shoeing. Know the names of the farrier's tools and their uses
- Know when a horse is lame, sick or in poor condition, and know the most common causes of these ailments
- Elementary first aid
- Be able to carry out prescribed treatment of wounds, ailments and lameness
- Organising and fitting of tack room
- Understand and discuss the families of biting, characteristics, action and probable reaction
- Know how to fit, care for, clean, store, inspect for soundness and stitching in saddlery, rugs, bandages, etc

- Recognition of various types of saddles and uses

READ

- The following Pony Club Publications
 - 'The Manual of Horsemanship'
 - 'Keeping a Pony at Grass'
 - Young Persons Guide to Eventing
 - The Scales of Training
- Suggested Further Reading
 - Grassland Management for Horse and Pony Owners (BHS)

VIEW

- Pony Club DVD's:
 - Stable Management Series (Handling and Leading, Health and Condition)

Only those 14 years or over are eligible for B Standard.

The recommended age is 15/16 years.

Felt Colour - Brown