



The South African Pony Club

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OBJECTIVE:

- To have a basic understanding of ponies.
- To achieve confidence in handling and riding a pony.
- To improve and enjoy learning about ponies.

RIDING

- Mount and dismount
- A reasonably correct position in the saddle.
- How to hold the reins.
- To be able to ride a quiet pony safely, in an enclosed area without the leading rein, in walk and trot.

ROAD SENSE

- To know on which side of the road you should ride.
- To understand the simple 'green cross' code.
- How to ride along a road, cross a road and say 'thank you'.
- To know it is safer to ride on the road with adults or parents.

HORSEMASTERSHIP

- Approach and handle a pony correctly.
- Know basic needs of a pony in summer and winter.
- Catch a pony and put on a headcollar or halter.
- Proper way to give a pony an apple or carrot.
- Lead a pony in hand.
- Name simple points of the pony.
- Name different parts of saddle and bridle.

READ

- The Manual of Horsemanship.
- Points of the horse.
- Mount and dismount (Omit 'to dismount using the stirrup')
- The correct length of the stirrup.
- The position of the rider in the saddle.
- Holding single reins.
- Handling a horse.
- Fitting a headcollar or halter.
- To lead in hand.
- The parts of a saddle.
- The parts of a snaffle bridle.
- Putting on a saddle and bridle.
- Pony Club Booklet "Riding on the Road".

VIEW

- Pony Club Videos
 - “You and Your Pony’ Programme 1
 - Handling and Leading
 - Health and Condition

Recommended minimum age 8 or 9 years.

Felt Colour - Yellow