

'B' Standard of Efficiency Test Sheet Horse & Pony Care

Minimum Age: 16

Felt Colour:

Brown

Horse & Pony Care Only

Red

Both sections of 'B' Test

General

The 'B' Test may be taken as a whole or in two parts:

'B' Standard Riding and the **'B' Standard Horse and Pony Care**. These Tests may be taken on different occasions and in any order

The B Test is roughly equivalent to the British Horse Society Stage Three Exam.

Objective

- To gain practical experience and knowledge of the care of a stabled horse/pony and of a horse/pony at grass.
- To look after these before, during and after the day's hunting, eventing or endurance.

Horse and Pony Care

- Knowledge of the care and working of a pony at grass and a stabled horse receiving hard feed.
- A fitting routine suitable for Intermediate/Open competitions.
- The importance of exercise for stable kept horses.
- Daily routine for grass kept and stabled horses.
- Have some knowledge of stabling - ventilation, light, drainage, shelter and warmth.
- Know principles of watering and feeding and why these principles are important.
- Have a knowledge of the different items of forage, and their effect on a horse's condition and behaviour.

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- Put on a stable bandage.
- Discuss types of rug, tail and poll guards etc.
- Inspect horse box or trailer for safety and road-worthiness.
- Recognise good and bad points of conformation.
- Know the parts of the horse's shoe and different types of shoe.
- Understand the methods of shoeing.
- Know uses of the farrier's tools.
- Know when a horse is in healthy condition.
- Know how to administer a wormer.
- Know when a horse is lame or ill and discuss the most likely causes of these ailments.
- Elementary first aid including colic, laminitis and azoturia / tying up.
- Explain how to take a temperature.
- Discuss how to administer medicine in food, tub a foot, hose a leg and put a poultice on a foot.
- Organisation and fitting of tack room.
- Understand and discuss the families of biting, characteristics, action and probable reaction.
- Recognise badly fitting tack and inspect tack for soundness.
- Know how to store saddlery, rugs , bandages etc.
- Recognition of various types of saddles, martingales and boots and their uses.

Read

- Keeping a Pony at Grass
- Relevant sections of 'The Manual of Horsemanship'
- A Working notebook: 'B' Riding and Care