

'D' Standard of Efficiency Test Sheet

Minimum Age: 8

Felt Colour:

YELLOW

General

The efficiency tests provide a staircase of knowledge and progression when taken in sequence. The road rider mini achievement badge is a prerequisite before taking the D Test.

Objective

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

Riding

- Mount and dismount.
- Understand and show a correct position in the saddle at halt.
- Be able to hold the reins correctly.
- Be able to ride a quiet pony safely, in an enclosed area off the lead rein, in walk and trot.

Pony Care

- Approach and handle a pony correctly.
- Know basic needs of a pony in summer and winter.
- Catch a pony and put on a headcollar.
- Proper way to give a pony an apple or carrot.
- Lead a pony in hand in walk and turn correctly.
- Tie up correctly.
- Name simple points of the pony.
- Name different parts of saddle and bridle.
- Recognise a dandy brush and rubber currycomb.

Read

- Keeping a Pony at Grass
- 'The Manual of Horsemanship' - read the sections below:
 - Points of the horse
 - Mount and dismount (Omit 'to dismount using the stirrup')
 - The correct length of stirrup
 - The position of the rider in the saddle
 - Holding single reins
 - Handling a horse
 - Fitting a headcollar
 - Leading and showing in hand
 - The parts of a saddle
 - The parts of a snaffle bridle
 - Putting on a saddle and bridle

View

- Dvds: stable management series (handling and leading, health and condition)