

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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## “H-A” TEST SHEET

National Examiners will use this form when conducting the H-A Rating. The candidate will receive a copy of the completed form following the examination. The original is sent to the National Office within four days of the test and returned in due course to the candidate. A copy will be sent from the National Office to the Regional Supervisor and District Commissioner. To achieve the rating, candidates must meet the standard in each section. **Examiners must have a copy of the appropriate Standard to use with the test sheet.**

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pony Club \_\_\_\_\_

District Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

*The test will follow, as far as possible, the order given below:*

<b>Presentation</b>		
<i>Candidates will rotate through Stations 1, 2, &amp; 3)</i>		
<b>Station 1</b> - Turnout - Braiding - Bandaging - Discuss uses and application of various bandages		<input type="checkbox"/> ES <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> DNMS
<b>Station 2</b> - Teeth - Tack - Shoeing - Anatomy of the leg (principle bones, tendons, ligaments)		<input type="checkbox"/> ES <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> DNMS
<b>Station 3</b> - Showing the horse in hand - Discussion: - Breeding - Suitability and performance - Level for specific activity as requested by Examiner - Conformation and way of going		<input type="checkbox"/> ES <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> DNMS

**KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard**

**M = Meets Standard**

**DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard**

**Longeing I**

- Discussion:
- Longeing techniques
- Proper fit of equipment, including side reins
- Safety precautions

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___	MS
___	DNMS

**Longeing II**

- Demonstration
- Evaluation of horse longed

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___	MS
___	DNMS

**Stable Management,  
Stable Construction,  
Pasture Management**

- Morning inspection
- Evening inspection
- Aid for horse cast in stall
- Causes of poor condition
- Health maintenance and disease prevention
- Records (written outline)
- Parasites and control
- Diseases/disorders associated with travel
- Stable construction
- Grazing and paddock management
- Soil management

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___	MS
___	DNMS

**Nutrition**

- Discussion of sources of protein, fat and carbohydrates
- Interpretation of label information
- Appropriate rations
- Feed supplements
- Difference in seasonal care
- Purchase of feed
- Cost and storage of feed

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___	MS
___	DNMS

**Health/Systems/  
Diseases**

- Anatomical systems:
- Respiratory
- Urinary
- Circulatory/lymphatic
- Nervous
- Digestive
- Reproductive
- Skeletal
- Causes, systems, prognosis and management of listed diseases/disorders
- Signs and treatment of listed problems

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___	MS
___	DNMS

**Teaching I**

- Discussion:
- Preparation of lesson plan
- Ways to handle listed lesson situations
- Techniques and safety precautions for longeing a rider
- Teaching a Pony Club member to longe
- Emergency preparedness and procedures
- Discussion or demonstration of any D, C, and B Standard requirement, as requested by examiner

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**Teaching II**

- Demonstration:
- Teaching skills
- Safety factors when teaching a jumping lesson
- Evaluation of lesson plan
- Problem solving

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___	MS
___	DNMS

**Special care/travel safety**

- Techniques for loading and unloading
- Causes of loading problems
- Maintenance program for trailer/van
- Use and dangers of listed tranquilizers, sedatives, analgesics
- Precautions for handling of foals and young horses
- Benefits and dangers of twitches and other methods of restraint

___ ES
___ MS
___ DNMS

**Conformation and Lameness**

- Lameness associated with listed conformation faults
- Uses and limitations of horses with listed conformation faults

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___ MS
___ DNMS

**Tack**

- Inspection for safety and fit
- Reclaiming neglected tack
- Storing tack
- Temporary adjustments
- Types of bits/saddles, quality of equipment appropriate for discipline involved
- Correct fitting, uses and misuses of tack

___ ES
___ MS
___ DNMS

**GENERAL REMARKS**

Attitude and maturity for level of testing  
 Suggestions for improvement

\_\_\_ Meets Standards      \_\_\_ Withdraw

\_\_\_ Does Not Meet Standard

Date Tested \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Examiners

Sections requiring retesting, up to a total of two:

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**A candidate may be re tested as follows:**

- Retest to cover *not more than* two sections of the test.
- Retest must take place within **the calendar year** and must be completed over a one day period.
- Failure of any section on retest day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

**RETEST:** \_\_\_ ES    \_\_\_ MS    \_\_\_ DNMS

EXAMINER SIGNATURE FOR RETEST: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RETESTED: \_\_\_\_\_