

D3 Horse Management Pre-Check and Study Guide 2024

Candidates: Each bullet point in *Section 1* must be signed off by your instructor.

Topics in *Section 2* must be filled out like a study guide **and turned in with Section 1**, four weeks prior to test date.

Section 1:

Topic	Sign & Date
Rider in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the SOP. (Instructor: What are they planning on wearing?)	
Mount to be well brushed (no sweat), clean (no dirt), with feet picked out, showing farrier care. Mane and tail brushed and eyes, nose, lips, and dock wiped off.	
Tack to be safe, especially stitching on stirrups/girth and clean. No jockeys or dust, stress points clean , stirrup pads (if used) clean, and bit clean. All tack must be properly adjusted. (Do they know where the stress points are?)	
Groom and tack up independently	
Lead safely from both sides at the walk.	
Demonstrate correctly jogging a mount in a bridle and turning your mount in the correct direction, which is away from you. (Whip may be carried and, if necessary, used to move mount forward.)	
Under direct supervision, apply 1 protective boot and 1 bell boot to a mount's leg and apply 1 polo wrap to a front leg with assistance if needed.	
Provide a hard copy (in a folder/binder or stapled) of mount's Health and Maintenance Record Book that contains records for at least 3 months prior to the test. In addition to the information from the D-2 record book, records must contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dated list of routine care (vaccinations, deworming, shoeing, dentistry) • Daily schedule of care which may include grooming, riding, feeding, etc. 	

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Section 2:

Tack:

- Describe the bit your mount is wearing and its adjustment.
- Describe 4 ways to correctly fit your mount's bridle so it is safe and comfortable for your mount.

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Bandaging:

- Describe 5 critical areas protected by shipping bandages or boots.
- Describe the area a stable bandage covers and what materials are used.

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Foot and Shoeing:

- Name 3 parts of the hoof.
- Describe 3 obvious signs of a foot needing shoeing or trimming.

Breeds, Pony Parts, and Conformation

- Locate and name 20 parts of the mount.
- Name 10 equine breeds.
- Know 1 common conformation fault for each of the following: head, neck, shoulder, back, and pasterns.
- Describe the eyes' location and how this affects the mount's vision.

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Stable Management:

- Discuss steps and reasons for cleaning a stall.
- Demonstrate and discuss the proper methods of hanging a water bucket and hay net/hay bag at a proper height for your mount, at either a trailer or stall.

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Travel Safety:

- Discuss safety rules for riding on public roads.
- Describe the proper steps to load and unload a mount.

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Land Conservation:

- Name 3 important rules when riding across privately or publicly owned land.

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Nutrition:

- Give 5 basic rules of feeding.
- Describe how feeds are measured and weighed.
- Discuss the amount of roughage and the amount of concentrates per ration for own mount.

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Conditioning:

- Describe care of mount after strenuous work, to include cooling out, checking legs, watering, and feeding.
- Describe 2 signs that a mount might not be fit enough for the work asked.
- Describe the normal range of vital signs (TPR) of a mount at rest.

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Health Care & Vet Knowledge

- Name 3 symptoms of a sick or injured mount that would cause you to seek help.
- Name 3 diseases your mount can be vaccinated against.

Teaching:

- Describe how you assisted at 1 unmounted Pony Club activity.

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Rider Safety:

- Name 2 items of rider equipment that are required when you ride in a Pony Club mounted lesson.
- Give 2 examples of when a riding helmet needs replacing.

DC Signature: _____

Date Received: _____