

# PONY CLUB



## Progressive Awards

The Progressive Tests are intermediate steps between the Pony Club Efficiency Tests. They are available to Pony Club Members in Horsemanship and Riding and Road Sense, and may be taken separately. Members may take these Tests in modules throughout the levels, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. They can be assessed continuously over a number of sessions and do not need a formal assessment to be awarded.

The Progressive Tests are voluntary, flexible and may be used alongside The Pony Club Efficiency Tests to ensure Members are up to the necessary levels.

**Bronze Award 3**

**Bronze Award 2**

**Bronze Award 1** .....At this stage the D test should be taken

**Silver Award 3**

**Silver Award 2**

**Silver Award 1** .....At this stage the D+ test should be taken

**Gold Award 3**

**Gold Award 2**

**Gold Award 1** ..... At this stage the C test should be taken

**Platinum Award 3**

**Platinum Award 2**

**Platinum Award 1**.....At this stage the C+ test should be taken

**The Pony Club Road Rider Awards are a very important aspect of the test structure and the appropriate level must be passed before progressing through the Pony Club Efficiency Tests.**

**Rulings for Road Rider are as follows:**

- **Before** being awarded the **D test**, candidates must have trained for and passed the **Road Rider Mini Badge**.
- **Before** being awarded the **C Test**, candidates must have 'trained' for and passed the **Road Rider Achievement Badge**.
- **Our third level, the Road Rider Test, is optional**

## Progressive Award Objectives

<b>Bronze Award 3 Objectives</b>	<b>Bronze Award 2 Objectives</b>	<b>Bronze Award 1 Objectives</b>
To start to learn about riding ponies.	Learn to have control when riding off the lead rein.	Make controlled transitions.
Begin handling ponies and start to become confident around them.	Start to understand how to care for ponies.	Ride independently from the rest of the ride.
		Start to be actively involved in the care of ponies.
<b>Silver Award 3 Objectives</b>	<b>Silver Award 2 Objectives</b>	<b>Silver Award 1 Objectives</b>
Have a basic understanding of ponies.	Start to develop a balanced seat.	To be working towards developing a balanced seat independent of the reins.
Achieve confidence in handling and riding a pony.	Become more involved in looking after ponies.	Understand elementary aids and be able to apply them.
To improve and enjoy learning about ponies.		
<b>Gold Award 3 Objectives</b>	<b>Gold Award 2 Objectives</b>	<b>Gold Award 1 Objectives</b>
Work towards an effective and balanced seat on the flat and over jumps	Improve position on the flat and over jumps	Be in control of the pony in all paces and over jumps
Know how to behave when riding on the roads and in the countryside	Understand the combined system of keeping ponies	Have control over a pony on the roads and in the countryside
Understand the requirements of a pony at grass	Understand the requirements of a stabled pony	Know how to look after a grass kept pony, or a pony on a combined system
	Be courteous to other road users	Know the country lore
<b>Platinum Award 3 Objectives</b>	<b>Platinum Award 2 Objectives</b>	<b>Platinum Award 1 Objectives</b>
To work towards becoming an educated and practical horseman	To work towards becoming an educated and practical horseman	To work towards becoming an educated and practical horseman
To be able to look after ponies kept at grass and have experience and knowledge of looking after stabled horses	To be able to look after ponies kept at grass and have experience and knowledge of looking after stabled horses	To be able to look after ponies kept at grass and have experience and knowledge of looking after stabled horses
To be able to ride at all paces over fences and varying terrain	To be able to ride at all paces over fences and varying terrain	To be able to ride at all paces over fences and varying terrain
To be able to ride a well-mannered horse or pony on an endurance or fun ride and be able to prepare him before the day and care for him afterwards	To be able to ride a well-mannered horse or pony on an endurance or fun ride and be able to prepare him before the day and care for him afterwards	To be able to ride a well-mannered horse or pony on an endurance or fun ride and be able to prepare him before the day and care for him afterwards
To have knowledge of pace, distance and discipline to ride intelligently and safely in a group or alone	Have knowledge of pace, distance and discipline to ride intelligently and safely in a group or alone	Have knowledge of pace, distance and discipline to ride intelligently and safely in a group or alone
Ride with due regard for others in the country and on the roads	Ride with due regard for others in the country and on the roads	Ride with due regard for others in the country and on the roads
Be able to ride safely on the public highway	Be able to ride safely on the public highway	Be able to ride safely on the public highway

**Bronze 3 Progressive Award**  
**(may be taken on its own)**

<b>Bronze Award 3 Riding and Road Sense</b>	<b>Bronze Award 3 Horsemastership</b>
Mount by receiving a leg up	Know how to approach a pony and give him a pat
Dismount	Be able to untie a pony
Know the pony must stand still while being mounted	Remove the headcollar
Sit in a safe and reasonably correct and secure position in the saddle	Know some colours of ponies, (grey, chestnut, bay, black and brown)
Hold the reins correctly	Name saddle and bridle
Ride from halt to walk and from walk to halt, in a straight line on the leading rein	Be able to check if the girth is loose before mounting
Be able to touch pony's mane, neck, shoulder and back whilst mounted	Be able to pull down the stirrups before mounting
Know not to get too close to other ponies, and know how close is too close	
Know it is safer to ride on the road with adults	
Know on which side of the road you should ride	
Recognise STOP, GIVE WAY and Bridle Way signs	
'What's Behind Me', identify pictures held up behind rider, either on or off the leading rein	

**Bronze 2 Progressive Award**  
**(May be taken on its own)**

<b>Bronze Award 2 Riding and Road Sense</b>	<b>Bronze Award 2 Horsemastership</b>
Mount and dismount from a mounting block	Be able to and put on a head collar in the stable
Lengthen and shorten reins	Be able to tie up a pony correctly
Be able to make the pony stand still while being mounted	Lead a pony from the correct side
Explain how to make a pony start and stop	Recognise a dandy brush and plastic curry comb
Ride from halt to walk and from walk to halt in a straight line off the leading rein	Know parts of the pony's body (head, mane, legs, back and tail)
Trot on or off the lead rein	Be able to remove the saddle and put it away correctly
Make turns left and right in walk following instructions	Name the different parts of the saddle
Be able to do simple physical exercises on a held pony at halt (arm circling, touching toes)	Know that water must always be available
Know how to keep a safe distance when riding in a ride	
Know not to get too close to the pony in front, and know when they are too close	
'What's Behind Me'; identify pictures help up behind rider, off the leading rein	
Demonstrate being able to stop at a designated point and look behind you before moving off	
Know 'Be Seen, Be Safe'; riders and ponies to wear yellow or pink reflective clothing	

<p align="center"><b>Bronze Award 1 Riding and Road Sense</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Bronze Award 1 Horsemastership</b></p>
<p align="center">Mount and dismount from a mounting block and receive a leg up from either side</p>	<p align="center">Approach and handle a pony correctly</p>
<p align="center">Sit straight and balanced in the saddle</p>	<p align="center">Catch a pony in the field and put on a headcollar or halter</p>
<p align="center">Lengthen and shorten stirrups before mounting</p>	<p align="center">Lead a pony in a headcollar, turn him and lead back</p>
<p align="center">Check girth before and whilst mounted</p>	<p align="center">Name simple points of the pony (ears, mouth, nostrils, withers, hindquarters and hooves)</p>
<p align="center">Ride in rising trot</p>	<p align="center">Recognise the hoof pick and mane comb</p>
<p align="center">Ride upward and downward transitions: Halt to walk Walk to trot Trot to walk Walk to halt</p>	<p align="center">Show how to use a dandy brush or a plastic curry comb</p>
<p align="center">Make changes of rein and circles in walk</p>	<p align="center">Be able to take off a bridle and hang it up</p>
<p align="center">Simple exercises (ride to and touch named markers, ride in and out of a line of cones).</p>	<p align="center">Name different parts of the bridle</p>
<p align="center">Know how the pony positions his feet when he halts "square".</p>	<p align="center">Know three types of food ponies eat (grass, hay and nuts)</p>
<p align="center">Be able to ride exercises independently (front to rear of ride; as leading file)</p>	<p align="center">Know that ponies need shelter from sun, flies and cold, driving rain</p>
<p align="center">Be able to do simple physical exercises with pony held, without stirrups at halt (ankle turning, leg swinging)</p>	
<p align="center">Show how to ride along a mock-up road, cross a road, and say 'thank you'.</p>	
<p align="center">What's Behind Me; identify pictures held up behind the rider, whilst walking off the lead rein.</p>	
<p align="center">Know there is a correct sequence to give right and left hand signals.</p>	
<p align="center">Know which items are important to take on a hack.</p>	

**Silver 3 Progressive Award**  
**(may be taken on its own)**

<b>Silver Award 3 Riding and Road Sense</b>	<b>Silver Award 3 Horsemastership</b>
Mount unaided from the ground or a mounting ground	Show how to brush off a pony with a dandy brush
Know how to lengthen and shorten stirrups correctly while mounted	Be able to pick up the pony's feet
Adjust girth before and while mounted	Be able to lead a pony in a bridle
Be able to sit in a correct position in the addle, and be able to describe a correct position	Be able to make the pony stand still from the ground
Walk on a loose rein and be able to shorten the reins	Name different parts of a saddle and bridle
Know the sequence of legs in walk	Be able to give a pony an apple or carrot correctly
Be able to make transitions at the markers	Know basic needs of a pony in summer and winter
Make changes on rein and circles in rising trot	Know why a pony needs shelter, water and food
Change diagonal as necessary	
Be able to explain rhythm	
Ride in poised position in walk	
Ride over a short course of poles on the ground in walk	
Be able to pass the ride safely	
Know how to ride along a road and cross a road	
Understand how to ride on the road with a friend	
Know what to wear, for pony and rider, when riding on the road	
Recognise the dangers to ponies from cars and other traffic	
Know how to say thank you to other road users	

**Silver 2 Progressive Award**  
**(may be taken on its own)**

<b>Silver Award 2 Riding and Road Sense</b>	<b>Silver Award 2 Horsemastership</b>
Mount from the ground or a mounting block	Be able to stand the saddle on the ground correctly
Be able to adjust the stirrups at halt	Know how to use the body brush on the pony's face, mane and tail
Know how to carry a whip in either hand	Be able to pick out the pony's feet
Demonstrate sitting trot	Recognise different markings on the face
Make changes of rein and circles in sitting and rising trot	Name some breeds of native ponies
Know the sequence of legs in trot	Be able to name the types of food ponies eat
Be able to ride as leading file	Know the difference between good and bad fences
Be able to walk and trot in poised position over poles	Know how to provide water in a field
Ride over a short course of poles on the ground in trot	
Know what checks should be made before riding on the road	
Understand the importance of Look-signal-Look again (life Saver Look)- Manoeuvre	
Know how to signal left and right	
Understand the importance of amber in a traffic light sequence	
Be able to name the important items that should be taken on a hack and suitable places to ride	



**Silver 1 Progressive Award**  
**(may be taken on its own)**

<b>Silver Award 1 Riding and Road Sense</b>	<b>Silver Award 1 Horsemastership</b>
Know the aids to walk, trot and canter	Know names and uses of essential grooming kit
Give a simple definition of a pony working forwards	Recognise and know how to use a dandy brush and a hoof pick
Ride accurate transitions	Lead a pony in hand in walk and trot and turn him correctly
Be able to lead a drill ride	Recognise different markings on the legs and body
Be able to canter from the front to the rear of the ride	Name the breeds of native ponies
Know the sequence of legs in canter	Put on a saddle and bridle and know if it fits, (noseband, throat lash, numnah only)
Demonstrate exercises at walk without stirrups	Recognise stable, sweat and turn out rugs
Ride in poised position over poles in walk and trot	Recognise basic feedstuffs hay, nuts, mix feed, sugar beet, chaff
Ride over a short course of poles on the ground in trot including small cross poles	Know how to give hay in the field to several ponies
Know the correct sequence of how to signal left and right	Recognise some poisonous plants
Know what weather conditions it is not safe to ride out in	
Know how the pony may behave in bad weather	
Know what may frighten the pony and what may cause him to slip	

**Gold 3 Progressive Award**  
**(may be taken on its own)**

<b>Gold Award 3 Riding and Road Sense</b>	<b>Gold Award 3 Horsemastership</b>
Be able to do mounted exercises in walk and trot	Know the signs on good health
Start to establish rhythm in walk	Know how a pony moves if he is lame
Show how to ride round corners and turn left and right	Know what to check before turning pony into the field
Know the aids for canter	Recognize good fencing
Know if the pony is cantering on the correct leg	Know how to provide water in the field
Be able to walk, trot and canter in an open space	Know what to feed grass kept ponies
Be able to jump small fences from canter	Know how to groom grass kept ponies
Demonstrate simple mounted games	Know the reasons for shoeing
Know how to move off on the road	Recognize some farrier's tools
Name some reflective clothing riders can wear	Put on and take off a stable rug
Know how to pass other riders on the road	Know how to clean tack (daily care only)
Dismount and lead from the off side and remount	Know what protection a pony needs when traveling
Be able to ride two left and two right turns on the road	
Recognise common road signs	

**Gold 2 Progressive Award**  
**(may be taken on its own)**

<b>Gold Award 2 Riding and Road Sense</b>	<b>Gold Award 2 Horsemastership</b>
Reasonably correct, balanced position in walk, trot and canter	Describe the ideal stable
Walk on a long rein	Know the names of the stable tools and how they are used
Be able to ride in open order	Be able to skip out a stable
Be able to use aids for correct canter lead	Know how to cool down a hot pony
Understand the difference between tempo and rhythm	Know how to measure the height of a pony
Show the correct jumping position	Understand that the majority of a pony's feed should be forage/bulk
Be able to jump small grids and a small course of jumps	Know that some ponies require small amounts of additional hard feed
Demonstrate and talk about the advantages of learning mounted games	Recognize when a pony needs re-shoeing
Know how to ride in pairs and groups on the road and in the countryside	Know some causes of lameness
Recognise when roads are slippery	Know how to clean a minor wound
Know how to ride across cross roads	Put on a tail bandage
Name some reflective clothing ponies can wear	Put on and take off a turnout rug
Talk about observation, road positioning and signals	Show how to lift heavy objects safely

**Gold 1 Progressive Award**  
**(may be taken on its own)**

<b>Gold Award 1 Riding and Road Sense</b>	<b>Gold Award 1 Horsemastership</b>
Hold the reins in one hand	Put on a saddle and bridle with a martingale and flash noseband
Show exercises in sitting trot without stirrups	Be able to muck out a stable and set fair
Understand and start to establish rhythm and tempo in trot	Know how to care for a pony working off grass
Demonstrate use of seat and leg and hands to increase and decrease pace	Know when to give a thorough grooming
Know how to correct canter leads	Know how to wash down a hot pony
Be able to ride independently in the open (e.g. in a collecting area at a show)	Know the rules of watering
Be able to ride in walk, trot and canter in a large open space on a well-behaved pony	Know the rules of feeding
Have control over a pony when jumping a small course of jumps in the open	Describe the parts of the foot that can be seen
Show correct position at gallop	Know when the pony is off colour
Take part in mounted games	Know the symptoms of colic, colds and equine influenza
Know how to ride across farmland	Know how to protect against tetanus and equine influenza
Show how to open gates	Lead a pony in and out of a trailer or horse box
Know how to overtake stationary vehicles	
Know how to ride around roundabouts	
Know roads signs and police signals	
Know how to pass hazards	
Know how to use a T-Junction Major to Minor and Minor to Major road	

**Platinum 3 Progressive Award**  
**(may be taken on its own)**

<b>Platinum Award 3 Riding &amp; Road Sense</b>	<b>Platinum Award 3 Horsemastership</b>
Dismount from the "incorrect" side	Know what is required to keep a pony living out at grass in terms of field size, quality of grazing, shelter and water
Have a correct position at all paces	Recognise good and poor stabling
Maintain a balanced position when changing from rising to sitting trot to rising trot	Know why it is important to keep a stabled pony well exercised
Know and be able to explain the aids for transitions to and from halt, walk, trot and canter	Know the rules of watering and why water is important
Be able to halt squarely and salute	Identify a variety of indoor and outdoor rugs explaining their different uses
Be able to ride with the reins in one hand	Be able to put on a stable bandage
Know which rein controls the pace	Know the reasons for putting on stable bandages
Name the Scale of Training	Know the external parts of the foot
Carry and use a short whip appropriately and effectively	Name the farrier's tools
Be able to maintain a correct and balanced position when riding up and down hills	Know what to look for when checking saddles and bridles for safety
Maintain a correct jumping position around a course of jumps max height 75cm	Be able to name the families of bits as shown in The Manual of Horsemanship
Identify which was the best fence jumped, and why?	Know the signs of good and poor health
What is the name and action of the bit of the horse/pony you are riding?	Know how to clean a wound
Know how to ride safely on the roads in pairs and in groups	Know when to call the vet
Know whose instructions must be obeyed when riding on the roads	
Know what to carry when hacking out on the roads	
Know how to Look, Signal, Look again (life saver look) Manoeuvre	
Be able to ride left and right turns with correct hand signals	
Know the sequence of traffic lights	

**Platinum 2 Progressive Award**  
**(may be taken on its own)**

<b>Platinum Award 2 Riding &amp; Road Sense</b>	<b>Platinum Award 2 Horsemastership</b>
Mount from a mounting block on either side	Know how to prepare a grass kept pony for riding at all times of year
Be in balance with the horse at all paces	Know different types of bedding and give reasons for choosing one particular type
Maintain balance when changing diagonals	Know why it is important that stabled horses spend some time out at grass each day
Know the aids for turns and circles	Know the rules of feeding and why are important
Be able to carry a schooling whip in either hand and move it correctly from hand to hand	Have a thorough knowledge of all the items in a grooming kit and use them effectively
Discuss whether there is any loss of balance during transitions	Know the differences between grooming a grass kept and a stable kept pony
Be able to perform a quarter turn on the forehand and know the correct aids	Demonstrate putting on and taking off a variety of rugs with different fastenings
Be able to change the rein with the reins in one hand	Identify different types of bandages
Know the sequence of footfalls in trot	Know why padding must be put underneath bandages
Be able to jump a variety of fences and ditches out of trot and canter	Know the bones inside the foot
Know the signals to give when overtaking and negotiating junctions	Know which tools the farrier uses when removing a shoe
Know which common road signs must be obeyed and which signs are warning signs only	Describe a hunter or general purpose shoe
Be able to ride Major to Minor, and Minor to Major road junctions	Know what to check to see that a bridle fits comfortably
Be able to describe a Stop and a Give Way Sign	Know the names and actions of the more commonly known bits
Know how, and who, to thank when riding on the road	Recognise when a pony is in good or poor condition
Know Countryside Access guidelines	Recognize symptoms of illness
	Know when a horse should be isolated
	Know how to care for a wound until the vet arrives

**Platinum 1 Progressive Award**  
**(may be taken on its own)**

<b>Platinum Award 1 Riding &amp; Road Sense</b>	<b>Platinum Award 1 Horsemastership</b>
Be able to keep a correct, balanced and effective position in all paces over all types of terrain	Know how to look after a grass kept pony, or stable kept pony, after work
Be able to change diagonals at appropriate places and know the reasons for changing diagonals	Understand the importance of a daily routine
Be able to perform a turn on the forehand in either direction and know the correct aids and how the horses' legs should move	Have knowledge of different routines (fully stabled, grass kept and combined system)
Know the sequence of footfalls in canter and gallop on either rein	Be able to recognise different feeds and forage including good and bad hay and haylage
Be able to make a change of leg at canter through trot and discuss the balance of the horse	Demonstrate a knowledge of fitting rain sheets and exercise blankets
Understand the meaning of suppleness as it relates to the Scale of Training	Know whether rug/s fit correctly
Know the aids and be able to ride leg yielding in walk	Put on a stable bandage
Be able to jump up and down hill, jump doubles and know the correct distances in a one stride double	Know the sensitive structures inside the foot
Know how to present your horse at a junction and roundabout	Know which tools the farrier uses for nailing on and finishing off the shoeing procedure
Understand that it is the rider's use of observation that will help to keep him safe on the road	Know what to look for to check that a saddle fits comfortably
Know the advice given by the Highway Code regarding what to wear when riding and leading horses on the road and what the horse should wear	Recognise when a pony is lame
Know what to do in the event of an accident	Understand the reasons for poor condition
	Know that following any wound, a horses tetanus cover should be checked
	Know how to apply a poultice to the leg