



D STANDARD

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 more 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 without the leading 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 curry comb.

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 & Leading, Health and Condition)

Recommended minimum age: 8 years
Felt Colour: Yellow

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