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)

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**Recommended minimum age: 8 years**  
**Felt Colour: Yellow**

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