

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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## “D-2” TEST SHEET

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**NOTE: Before beginning test, Examiners must read “Guidelines for Club Rating Tests – D-1 through C-2” and the D-2 Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including “Information for Candidates,” “Testing Information,” and “Examiners.” Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during test to include Grid and Jumping Exercises chart. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.**

**RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without leading line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe basic balanced position at the walk and trot, and should begin to develop the canter and jumping position. No need to canter over fences.**

**HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS: The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills, with assistance if necessary, and should understand the basic reasons for the everyday routines of caring for his or her own mount.**

### TURN OUT

<p>Rider in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the SOP.</p> <p>Mount to be clean and well brushed, with feet picked out and showing farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips, and dock wiped off.</p> <p>Tack is to be safe and clean, and properly adjusted (with assistance if necessary), with attention to stitching, girth, and stirrups. No obvious jockeys or heavy dust on mount.</p> <p>Name and locate 15 parts of saddle and bridle. Identify 3 different bits.</p> <p>Apply (with assistance of examiner if needed) protective boots and bell boots, if appropriate, to mount’s leg.</p>	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto;"> <tr><td>____ES</td></tr> <tr><td>____DNMS</td></tr> <tr><td>____MS</td></tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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### RIDING ON THE FLAT

<p>Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary)</p> <p>Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk.</p>	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto;"> <tr><td>____ES</td></tr> <tr><td>____DNMS</td></tr> <tr><td>____MS</td></tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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<p>Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at halt and walk and discuss one or two reasons for doing this.</p> <p>Ride at the walk, performing simple turns and large circles.</p> <p>Ride without stirrups at the walk.</p>	<table border="1" style="margin-left: auto;"> <tr><td>____ES</td></tr> <tr><td>____DNMS</td></tr> <tr><td>____MS</td></tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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<b>KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard</b>	<b>M = Meets Standard</b>	<b>DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard</b>
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<p>Ride at the trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and large circles.</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>
<p>Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads.</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>
<p>Discuss performance with Examiner, indicating whether or not mount was on correct lead.</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>
<p>Rider should demonstrate control while maintaining a safe balanced position at the walk and trot.</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>
<p>Demonstrate emergency dismount at the walk in an enclosed arena.</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>
<p><b>RIDING OVER FENCES</b></p>		
<p>Maintain jumping position at the trot, on the flat, and over ground poles.</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>
<p>In an enclosed area, ride a simple stadium course of four to five obstacles of cross bars and verticals (no spreads). The majority of fences must be set at, but not exceed, 18".</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>
<p>Rider should demonstrate control while developing a safe basic balanced position over fences (No need to canter over fences.)</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>
<p>Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride.</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>
<p><b>RIDING IN THE OPEN</b></p>		
<p>Ride safely and considerately on public and private property, in a group, at the walk and trot.                  Ride with control, up and down hills at the walk and trot.                  Discuss two or three things to do to show "good manners" or courtesy while riding on someone else's property. (i.e., regarding gates, planted rows in fields, etc.)</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>
<p>Jump a minimum of three simple and natural obstacles. The majority of fences must be, but not exceed, 18". No ditches, banks or water. All fences may be jumped at the trot.</p>		<p>___ES                  ___DNMS                  ___MS</p>

**STABLE MANAGEMENT**

Groom mount, and pick out feet with assistance if needed.

Name five grooming tools and demonstrate how to use them.

Tack and untack independently.

List three examples of unsafe equipment.

Name three common stable vices.

Bring a Stall Card for own mount to test. Discuss what we put on a Stall Card.

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**PARTS OF MOUNT**

Name and locate any 15 parts of the mount.

Name and describe six colors of mounts.

Name and describe five markings on mounts.

Name four horse or pony breeds.

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**LAND CONSERVATION**

Talk with grandparents, parents, instructors and/or older friends/neighbors about where they rode when they were young and how it is different from today. Discuss with Examiner.

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**LEADING & LONGEING**

Lead mount in and out of stall safely, tie up in appropriate place with quick release knot.

Lead mount correctly in hand and tacked up.

Do walk-halt-walk transitions in hand.

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**CONDITIONING & NUTRITION**

Know three to five basic rules for feeding, and explain feeding schedule for own mount.

Know basic condition of own mount.

Describe ways to know if mount is properly cooled out.

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**FOOT & SHOEING**

Know reasons for daily foot care.

Give two reasons why the farrier regularly checks your mount.

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<b>VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE / BANDAGING</b>	
Give two reasons why you would bandage a mount's leg(s).  Give two reasons to have your mount routinely checked by a veterinarian.	____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
<b>TRAVEL SAFETY</b>	
Know the basic rules for riding on public roads in your state.  Name two ways you can help your mount be safe in a trailer.	____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

**COMMENTS** (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

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Sections requiring retesting:  
(up to total of seven; not more than three riding)

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

- This test has a total of 22 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* six sections of the test (not more than three riding sections).
- Retest must take place within one month and must be completed in one day.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Examiner for portions retested)*