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“D-3” HORSE MANAGEMENT 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-3 Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including “Information for Candidates,” “Testing Information,” and “Examiners.” Examiner must read and be familiar with all previous Standards test sheets (D-1 and D-2). Examiner must have copy of the D-3 SOP with them during test. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests. *The test will follow, as far as possible, the order given below.*

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS: The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills without assistance, and to discuss care of mount, using common horse terms.

<p>TURN OUT</p> <p>Rider is to be in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the SOP.</p> <p>Mount is to be well brushed (no sweat), clean (no dirt), with feet picked out, showing farrier care. Mane and tail are to be brushed and eyes and nose, lips and dock wiped off.</p> <p>Tack is to be safe, especially stitching on stirrups and girth; and clean with no jockeys or dust, with stress-points clean, stirrup pads clean, and bit clean. All tack must be properly adjusted.</p> <p>Describe formal attire, informal attire.</p> <p>Describe proper adjustment of snaffle bridle with cavesson noseband. Describe proper adjustment of curb chain if used.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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<p>CONDITIONING & NUTRITION</p> <p>Know five to seven basic rules for feeding and explain feeding schedule to include amount of roughage and amounts of concentrates per ration for own mount.</p> <p>Describe care of mount after strenuous work, to include cooling out, inspection of legs, watering and feeding.</p> <p>Know vital signs of own mount at rest.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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<p>STABLE MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Demonstrate and discuss how to clean and bed a dirty/soiled stall, giving reasons for each step. Include removal of manure and wet areas, banking a stall, and reason for regular stall cleaning. Discuss health and safety benefits. (For testing, a soiled horse trailer may be used.)</p> <p>Demonstrate and discuss proper methods of hanging a water bucket and haynet/haybag, and the dangers of improper use.</p> <p>Discuss the different needs of a horse during a day rally or clinic, and needs of an overnight stay.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

M = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

<p>PARTS OF MOUNT / CONFORMATION & LAMENESS</p>				
<p>Identify at least 20 parts of the mount, to include withers, hock, fetlock, pastern, gaskin, croup, loins, as well as others.</p> <p>Know common conformation faults of neck, back, shoulder, head and pasterns.</p> <p>Describe the characteristics of a strange mount clearly enough for another person to recognize it within a group. Include: color, possible breed, markings, size, sex, and obvious conformation characteristics.</p> <p>Describe how to measure height of mount.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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<p>LAND CONSERVATION</p>				
<p>Name three important rules when riding across privately-owned land.</p> <p>Write thank-you notes to two landowners who support your club and tell them why you appreciate being able to use their land. If you ride on public land, write a thank-you note to the manager or contact person. Discuss with Examiner who you wrote, and what you said.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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<p>LEADING & LONGEING</p>				
<p>Demonstrate correctly jogging a mount, moving mount forward with whip (if necessary).</p> <p>Lead safely from both sides.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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<p>HEALTH CARE / VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE / BANDAGING</p>				
<p>Name some symptoms of a sick or injured mount that would cause you to seek help.</p> <p>Describe what critical areas are protected by shipping bandages or boots, and give reasons for their use.</p> <p>Apply protective/splint type boots and bell boots on own mount (with supervision), if appropriate.</p> <p>Describe obvious signs of a foot needing shoeing or trimming.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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<p>TRAVEL SAFETY</p>				
<p>Know the basic rules for riding on public roads in your state.</p> <p>Know procedure for mounted group crossing a public roadway.</p> <p>Discuss the proper procedure for loading and unloading a mount.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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INTRODUCTION TO HORSE SPORTS

Name five horse sports offered in USPC.

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RECORD BOOK

The D-3 candidate is expected to keep careful records of veterinary visits, and general health of mount, to include worming and vaccination dates. Record Book must be brought to test. A minimum of 3 months is required.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

ES ____ MS ____ DNMS ____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Sections requiring retesting:
(up to total of three)

A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- This test has a total of 10 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* THREE sections of the test).
- 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.

ES ____ MS ____ DNMS ____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(Examiner for portions retested)