



PONY CLUB



ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

COLOURS AND MARKINGS

Mini Achievement Badge

Learning Objectives

To identify the most common colours and markings.

Syllabus

- 1 Be able to recognise black, bay, chestnut, grey, piebald and skewbald.
- 2 Recognise face markings: star, stripe, blaze, snip.
- 3 Know the leg markings, sock and stocking.
- 4 Know what a single blue eye is called.
- 5 Be able to recognise a whorl, and where they are usually found.

Teaching Ideas and Resources

- 1 At the rally or in the yard walk around and identify the pony's colours. On a drawing of the outline of a pony colour in bay, then piebald, then skewbald.
- 2 Members take a piece of paper and walk around the yard or rally. Ask them to draw the different face markings, can they find all four mentioned? (This could be photos on their phones if the owners of the ponies give permission).
- 3 Draw socks or stockings onto a diagram. Recognise these markings on the available ponies. Using a very quiet pony, coach to spray on white socks and stockings with temporary hair colour spray.
- 4 A single blue eye is called a wall eye. On one of the previously used diagrams colour in a wall eye. Have any of the class known or ridden a wall eye pony?
- 5 Generally found on head, neck, chest, belly and sometimes in front of the stifles. Look at the ponies in the ride/yard. Do any of them have a whorl?

Recommended Reading

14th Edition The Pony Club Manual Pages 12, 13 and 14, 15

Questions

- 1** Pick out two ponies in the ride with the colours, brown, bay, chestnut, grey piebald and skewbald and ask the member to identify those colours.
- 2** Have a diagram of four pony's faces showing star, blaze, stripe, and snip.
Choose two markings and ask the member to identify them.
- 3** Ask if there are any ponies in the ride who have socks or stockings. Ask member to identify which are socks and which are stockings.
- 4** What is a single blue eye called.
- 5** On a diagram ask member to draw a whorl.

Answers

- 1** Correct identification of the colours chosen.
- 2** Correct chose of markings.
- 3** Correct identification of socks or stockings.
- 4** A wall eye.
- 5** A whorl drawn in an appropriate place.