

E STANDARD

Member may be accompanied by an adult helper

This test can be taken on or off the lead rein

This test is not compulsory

OBJECTIVES

- To enjoy learning about ponies
- To be safe near ponies
- To understand what a pony needs to be happy
- To be confident both on and around ponies
- To know the basic points of the pony

SAFETY

1. Wear a riding hat with a Pony Club tag
2. Wear boots or shoes with a heel (not trainers or wellies)
3. Know how to walk safely around a pony
4. When riding, know how and why to leave a safe distance from the pony in front.
5. Describe how a pony might behave if they were nervous about something

RIDING

6. Sit on a pony in halt and at walk
7. Hold the reins correctly
8. With help, carry out physical exercises such as:
 - a. Touch parts of the pony (mane, neck, tail, etc.)
 - b. Ride the pony away from the assessor at walk, turn around a cone, and go back to the assessor
 - c. Show trot (rising is not necessary) on the leading rein
 - d. Stop at a named point
 - e. Stand in the stirrups

PONY CARE

9. Know the name and colour of the pony they are riding
10. Give two examples of things that a pony needs:
 - a. Water
 - b. Grass and/or hay
 - c. Shelter from sun, rain, and wind
 - d. Other pony friends
 - e. Daily time in a field
11. Recognise:
 - a. Saddle
 - b. Bridle
 - c. Mane
 - d. Tail
 - e. Ears

- f. Eyes
 - g. Mouth
 - h. Legs
 - i. Hooves
12. Feed a pony a carrot safely

Recommended Minimum age: 4 years
Felt Colour: Pale yellow

Please Note:

The assessor team reserves the right to withdraw any candidate at any stage if there are concerns about the welfare of the horse or pony they are riding, or the safety of others. All decisions will be made in line with The Pony Club's commitment to safeguarding and animal welfare.

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