



NAME: _____ PONY CLUB: _____

**D1 QUALIFICATION SHEET
(01/01/04 – Standards)**

(This sheet is not meant to be a requirement for a candidate to take his or her next rating. It is simply a guideline for both members and parents to more accurately evaluate when a candidate is ready to take his or her next rating.)

Riding Test Expectations:

The candidate should ride without a lead line, demonstrating a basic balanced position in an enclosed area at the halt and walk, and control at the walk and trot.

RIDING ON THE FLAT:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Ride on the flat using "Riding Test Expectations".			
Mount & dismount, with assistance if necessary.			
Hold reins correctly at the halt.			
Shorten & lengthen reins correctly at the halt.			
Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt & walk.			
Ride at the walk & trot, with control, keeping pony on rail.			
Demonstrate simple change of direction at the walk & trot.			
Perform gradual transitions from walk to trot & walk to halt.			

D1 QUALIFICATION SHEET CONTINUED:

RIDING OVER FENCES:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Ride over fences using riding test expectations.			
Walk over poles on the ground in jumping position.			
Discuss with Examiner the reason for different positions when riding on the flat & over fences.			

RIDING IN THE OPEN: Not applicable.

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS:

The candidate is a beginning level horse manager, willing to learn the simple routines necessary for safe handling of quiet, well-trained horses. Knowledge will vary widely depending on age, educational level and experience.

TURN OUT/TACK:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Rider in safe & neat attire.			
Mount neatly brushed; feet picked out (with assistance), showing farrier care.			
Tack safe & neat (properly adjusted with assistance if necessary).			

CONDITIONING:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Know one reason for cooling out mount after exercise.			

D1 QUALIFICATION SHEET CONTINUED:

NUTRITION:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Know how to give water, grain, hay & tidbit to a mount safely.			

STABLE MANAGEMENT:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Groom mount with brush & currycomb; pick out feet, with assistance.			
Tack up & untack mount, with assistance.			
Name any 10 parts of the saddle & bridle.			
Know two reasons for cleaning tack.			

PONY PARTS, CONFORMATION & LAMENESS:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Name any 10 parts of the pony (such as mane, tail, eyes).			

TRAVEL SAFETY:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Know basic rules of safe riding in a group in an enclosed area.			

RECORD BOOK: Not applicable.

D1 QUALIFICATION SHEET CONTINUED:

HEALTH CARE & VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Discuss what a veterinarian is.			
Give one reason the vet might see your pony.			

TEACHING: Not applicable.

LEADING & LONGEING:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Approach mount safely, put on halter, lead & turn correctly and safely.			

FOOT & SHOEING:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Give one reason to pick out your pony's feet.			

BANDAGING: Not applicable.

SPECIAL NOTES:

*****Information for "D" Pony Club Candidates can be found on the U.S.P.C. website at: <http://www.ponyclub.org> under FORMS. The Standards of Proficiency provide reading lists for the various levels and your "D" U.S.P.C. manual or book can be purchased through the U.S.P.C. bookstore.**