



NAME: _____ PONY CLUB: _____

**D2 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:

Candidate should ride without a lead 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.

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 independently (using mounting block if necessary).			
Shorten and lengthen reins at the halt and walk.			
Perform balancing & suppling exercises for rider at halt and walk and discuss reasons for doing this.			
Ride at the walk, performing simple turns and large circles.			
Ride without stirrups at the walk.			
Ride at the trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns & large circles.			

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REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads.			
Discuss performance with Examiner, indicating whether or not mount was on the correct lead.			

RIDING OVER FENCES:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Ride over fences using "Riding Test Expectations".			
Maintain jumping position at the trot on the flat & over ground poles.			
In an enclosed area, ride a simple stadium course of four to five obstacles not to exceed 18".			
Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride.			

RIDING IN THE OPEN:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Ride safely & considerately on public & private property, in a group, at the walk and trot.			
Ride with control, up & down hills at the walk & trot.			
Jump simple and natural obstacles, not to exceed 18" (no ditches or banks).			

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 own mount.

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TURN OUT/TACK:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Rider in safe & neat attire.			
Mount clean & neatly groomed, feet picked out, showing farrier care.			
Tack safe & clean, with attention to stitching, girth, stirrups (properly adjusted by Examiner if necessary).			
Apply (with assistance) protective boots and bell boots appropriate to mount's leg.			

CONDITIONING:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Know basic condition of own mount.			
Describe ways to know if mount is properly cooled out.			

NUTRITION:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Know 3-5 basic rules for feeding and explain feeding schedule for own mount.			

STABLE MANAGEMENT:

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Groom mount; pick out feet with assistance if needed.			
Name 5 grooming tools and explain how to use them.			

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PONY PARTS, CONFORMATION & LAMENESS:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Name & locate any 15 parts of the horse or pony.			
Name & describe 6 colors of horses or ponies.			
Name & describe 5 markings of horses or ponies.			
Name 4 horse or pony breeds.			

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TRAVEL SAFETY:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Know the basic rules for riding on public roads in your state.			
Name 2 ways you can help your horse or pony be safe in a trailer.			

RECORD BOOK: Not applicable.

HEALTH CARE & VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Give 2 reasons to have your horse or pony routinely checked by a veterinarian.			

TEACHING: Not applicable.

LEADING & LONGEING:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Lead mount correctly in hand and while tacked up.			
Do walk-halt-walk transitions in hand.			
Lead mount in & out of stall safely, tie up in appropriate place with a quick-release knot.			

FOOT & SHOEING:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Know reasons for daily foot care.			
Give 2 reasons why the farrier regularly checks your pony.			

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BANDAGING:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Give 2 reasons why you would bandage a pony's leg.			

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.**