



NAME: _____ PONY CLUB: _____

**D3 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 in a basic balanced position with control at the walk, trot and canter. Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position 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”.			
Demonstrate emergency dismount at the halt & walk.			
Adjust stirrups & girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt.			
Perform balancing & suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot.			
Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot.			
Demonstrate a simple rein back.			
Perform 20-meter circles in both directions, at walk, sitting & rising trot with correct diagonals, & at canter with correct leads.			

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REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Demonstrate increase & decrease of speed at trot by passing riders on rail & taking the lead.			
Discuss performance with Examiner & whether or not circles were round & natural aids were used correctly.			

RIDING OVER FENCES:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Ride over fences using "Riding Test Expectations".			
Trot over ground poles, followed by a cross rail.			
Jump a simple stadium course of 5 to 7 obstacles, height not to exceed 2'6".			
Discuss performance reasons for any disobediences.			

RIDING IN THE OPEN:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Ride safely with a group at the walk & trot, over varied terrain, through shallow water & small ditches as occur in natural terrain (ditches to be unrevetted).			
Jump simple cross-country obstacles, not to exceed 2'6".			
D3 speed should not exceed 240 meters per minute or 300 meters per minute, appropriate for the size of mount.			

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REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED :	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Discuss ways to control a mount in the open.			
Discuss performance with Examiners.			

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS:

The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills without assistance, and to discuss pony care, using common horse terms.

TURN OUT/ TACK:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Rider in safe & neat attire.			
Pony to be neatly groomed, with feet picked out, showing farrier care.			
Tack to be properly adjusted, safe & clean.			
Describe formal & informal attire.			

CONDITIONING/ NUTRITION:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED :	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Know 5-7 basic rules of feeding.			
Describe care of pony after strenuous work, to include cooling out, inspection of legs, watering & feeding.			
Discuss the amount of roughage & concentrates per ration for own pony.			

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STABLE MANAGEMENT:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Demonstrate how to clean & bed a stall giving reasons for each step.			
Know use of hay net & the dangers of improper use.			

PONY PARTS, CONFORMATION & LAMENESS:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Describe how to measure height of mount.			
Identify at least 20 parts of mount to include hock, gaskin, withers, croup, fetlock, pastern, etc.			
Know common conformation faults of neck, back, shoulder, head & pasterns.			
Describe the characteristics of a strange mount clearly enough for another person to recognize it within a group; include color, breed, markings, size, sex, & obvious conformation characteristics.			

TRAVEL SAFETY:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Know rules for riding safely on public roads in your state.			
Know procedure for mounted group crossing a public roadway.			
Discuss the proper procedure for loading & unloading a mount.			

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RECORD BOOK:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED :	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
The D3 is expected to keep careful records of veterinary visits & general health of mount. Record book must be brought to the test. A minimum of three months of records is required. Record should reflect appropriate depth of knowledge for this level.			

HEALTH CARE & VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED :	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Name some symptoms of a sick or injured mount that would cause you to seek veterinary help.			

INTRODUCTION TO HORSE SPORTS:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED :	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Name 5 horse sports that are offered in USPC.			

TEACHING:

D3s are encouraged to assist D1s and D2s during unmounted Pony Club activities. NOT MOUNTED ACTIVITIES. No child is responsible for the safety of another child. There must always be adult supervision.

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LEADING & LONGEING:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Lead correctly, moving mount forward with whip or assistance (if necessary).			
Do walk-trot-walk-halt transitions in hand.			
Lead safely from both sides.			

FOOT & SHOEING:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Describe obvious signs of a foot needing shoeing or trimming.			

BANDAGING:

REQUIREMENTS:	REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED:	DATE:	INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC:
Describe critical areas protected by shipping bandages or boots and give reasons for their use.			
Apply protective boots (with supervision) on own mount.			
Apply a stable wrap with assistance.			

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.**