
Platinum Award 2



Riding and Road Sense

To pass this award you must be able to:

1. Have passed the previous award (Platinum 3 Riding)
 2. Mount from a mounting block on either side
 3. Be in balance with the horse at all paces
 4. Keep balanced when changing diagonals
 5. Know and be able to explain as if to a beginner the aids for transitions from trot to canter on either rein and canter to trot, to walk, to halt
 6. Be able to perform a half turn on the forehand and know the correct aids.
 7. Tell me the sequence of footfalls in trot
 8. Be able to change the rein with the reins in one hand
 9. Be able to jump a variety of fences and ditches out of trot and canter
 10. Identify the following bits and describe their actions:
 - Eggbutt snaffle
 - Loose ring snaffle
 - French link snaffle
 - Gag
 - Pelham
 11. Know the signals to give when overtaking and negotiating junctions
 12. Know which roads signs must be obeyed and which signs are warning signs only
 13. Identify common road signs
 14. Know and explain the country lore
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Horse and Pony Care

1. Have passed the previous award (Platinum 3 Care)
 2. Know how to prepare a grass kept pony for riding at all times of year. What might be different in summer and winter?
 3. Know different types of bedding and give reasons for choosing one particular type
 4. Know why it is important that stabled horses spend some time out at grass each day
 5. Know the rules of feeding and why are important
 6. Have a thorough knowledge of all the items in a grooming kit and their uses. Explain them to me as if you were teaching a beginner
 7. Know the differences between grooming a grass kept and a stable kept pony
 8. Demonstrate putting on and taking off a variety of rugs with different fastenings
 9. Identify different types of bandages
 10. Know why padding must be put underneath bandages
 11. Identify different types of padding
 12. Know the bones inside the foot
 13. Describe a fullered shoe used for everyday riding
 14. Know how to check a bridle fits comfortably
 15. Recognise when a pony is in good or poor condition, tell me the difference
 16. Tell me how to clean a wound
 17. Know when a horse should be isolated
 18. Know how to tub a foot
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