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Amateur test syllabus

Level A

Equitation

1. Be able to receive a leg-up and land quietly in the Saddle
2. Hold reins correctly: lengthening and shortening for control
3. Know simple aids
4. Walk and halt in closed order
5. Simple rein change
6. Introduce trot
7. Dismount correctly
8. Name two sides of pony
9. Know the value of reward to your pony

Stable Management

1. Approach and handle a pony safely and have an awareness of use of voice
2. An awareness of the basic grooming kit
3. Use of head collar
4. What is tack
5. Know 3 parts of saddle and 2 parts of bridle
6. Name any three points of the pony
7. Know what not to wear around horses

Equitation syllabus will be covered during weekly lessons; Stable management will be covered on the day of the test. Test and stable management will take 2 hours. Cost €30.00

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Level B

Equitation

1. Basic school movements in closed order and individually
2. Show correct position in halt, walk and rising trot
3. Trot sitting for brief periods
4. Walk and trot over one pole on the ground
5. Halt
6. Safe, fun exercise

Stable Management

1. Correctly fitted hat, safe visible clothing, shoes etc
2. Know how to dress for different conditions i.e. gloves waterproofs etc
3. Know how to carry a saddle and bridle correctly
4. Know the complete grooming kit
5. Demonstrate correct use of 3 items of grooming kit
6. Know any 7 points of a pony

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Level C

Equitation

1. Have awareness of importance of warming up before exercise and cooling down afterwards
2. Mount independently or with block
3. Walk and trot in closed order, walk without stirrups for brief periods
4. Walk with a long rein, letting pony stretch and relax
5. Know how to adjust stirrup irons and loosen girth
6. Know benefits of trotting in light or forward seat
7. Trot over 3 trotting poles
8. Introduce canter

Stable Management

1. Know how to put on a head collar
2. Know how to lead and turn correctly
3. Know all the basic points of a pony
4. 3 Colours and simple markings
5. Knowledge of mucking out equipment

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Test Date: _____ Tuesday 27th March 2018 _____

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Test syllabus is optional for each child and will be covered during normal lessons. Should you wish for your child not to take part please contact the office. 01 2955990 info@ceq.ie

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Level D

Equitation

1. Know the sequence of steps in walk, trot and canter
2. Walk and trot, rising and sitting and Canter with correct position
3. Trot without stirrups demonstrating balance
4. Canter large circles, demonstrating control
5. Know about and recognize diagonals'
6. Introduce placing pole and simple crosspole

Stable Management

1. Introduce 3 types of bedding (i.e. paper, straw, shavings)
2. Advantages and disadvantages of each above
3. Objectives of grooming i.e. promote good health, build relationship with pony, improve appearance
4. 7 Colours and 3 breeds
5. Know all parts of saddle and bridle
6. Demonstrate correct use of grooming kit
7. Pick out horses feet

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Level 1

Equitation

1. Adjust stirrups and girth independently
2. Know how to carry and change hands with a short whip
3. Make good even transitions in all 3 paces
4. Canter without stirrups for brief period
5. Know the five phases of jumping and jump 2 small fences safely
6. Be capable of counting strides between 2 poles in canter

Stable Management

1. Mucking out and bedding down
2. Use of stable equipment
3. Parts of foot and know when pony needs shoeing
4. Name 3 types of rug and their uses
5. Signs of good health
6. Signs of ill health
7. Remove and put on stable rug

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Level 2

Equitation

1. Know correct attire for pursuits such as hunting, dressage, show jumping and cross country
2. Recognize the correct lead in canter on both reins
3. Be able to change diagonal and understand reasons for doing so
4. Make turns and circles and know the aids for these movements
5. Jump a single fence into a small double on both reins

Stable Management

1. Demonstrate how to clean saddle and bridle
2. Recognize tack in good/poor condition
3. Care of horse after untacking
4. Demonstrate skipping out and setting fair
5. Care of grass kept pony on winter mornings
6. Knowledge of grooming equipment and importance of clean utensils
7. Know how to safely let a pony into a field
8. How to catch pony from field

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Level 3

Equitation

1. Ride simple school movements to include loops and figure of eight
2. Ride a straight line and demonstrate a square halt
3. Canter without stirrup irons in a balanced position
4. Work over ground poles at trot in a balanced jumping position
5. Canter a small course of 4-5 single fence up to 2' max
6. Ride at walk on a long rein and loose rein and know the difference

Stable Management

1. Rules of watering, i.e. always have clean, fresh water available, clean water regularly, different troughs in stable/field etc.
2. Demonstrate how to carry a bucket/bale of hay etc.
3. Care of mane and tail
4. Know how to correctly put on a tail bandage
5. Knowledge of types of feed used in Carrickmines Eq.
6. Know how to hold a quiet horse for shoeing or vet
7. Telling a horses mood

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Level 4

Equitation

1. Lead up horse in hand
2. Ride school figures in walk, trot and canter
3. Ride in open order, showing transition from walk to trot and walk to halt
4. Know the to ride under control in an open space
5. Know how to jump natural fence i.e. small ditch, coffin, logs, bank etc.

Stable Management

1. Paddocks maintenance i.e. fencing, weeding, watering, removal of dung
2. Know the value of hard feed used in Carrickmines Eq.
3. Know how to fit saddle and bridle correctly
4. Understand how ill fitting tack could cause injury and how to prevent this according to work being done
5. Know symptoms of 1.) Laminitis, 2.) Colic, 3.) Sweet itch
6. Know farrier tools

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Level 5

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1. Ride without stirrups in walk, trot and canter, keeping balanced position throughout
2. Ride a 3 loop serpentine in trot
3. Work the horse as an individual
4. Ride a course of 4-5 fences to include a related distance up to a 2'6" max

Stable Management

1. Know importance of good stable routine, i.e. feeding, exercise, turning out and setting fair
2. Discuss worms and the importance of worming
3. Know 3 minor ailments and treatments of them
4. Name 5 poisonous plants
5. Know equipment used for lunge

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Level 6

Equitation

1. Be capable of riding a well schooled horse at preliminary dressage level
2. Be capable of jumping course of fences at 2'6" height to include double and related distance

Stable Management

1. Correctly put on and remove outdoor rugs
2. Fit cavesson, flash and drop noseband
3. Identify and know advantages of running martingale and breast plate
4. Put on overreach and brushing boots
5. Know basic Veterinary care; tubbing, cold hosing, poulticing etc.
6. Put on stable bandage and know advantages/reasons for doing so

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