

PLATINUM AWARD 3



OBJECTIVES

- * To work towards becoming an educated and practical horseman
- * To be able to look after ponies kept at grass and have experience and knowledge of looking after stabled horses
- * To be able to ride at all paces over fences and varying terrain
- * To be able to ride a well-mannered horse or pony out hunting, or on an endurance or fun ride, and be able to prepare him before the day and care for him afterwards
- * To have a knowledge of pace, distance and discipline to ride intelligently and safely in a group or alone
- * Ride with due regard for others in the country and on the roads
- * To be able to ride safely on the public highway

RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

1. Dismount from the "incorrect" side.
2. Have a correct position at all paces.
3. Maintain a balanced position when changing from rising to sitting trot to rising trot.
4. Know and be able to explain the aids for transitions, to and from, halt, walk, trot and canter.
5. Be able to halt squarely and salute.
6. Be able to ride with the reins in one hand.
7. Know which rein controls the pace.
8. Name the Scale of Training.
9. Carry and use a short whip appropriately and effectively.
10. Be able to maintain a correct and balanced position when riding up and down hills.
11. Maintain a correct jumping position around a course of jumps max height 75cm.
12. Identify which was the best fence jumped, and why?
13. What is the name and action of the bit of the horse/pony you are riding?
14. Know how to ride safely on the roads in pairs and in groups.
15. Know whose instructions must be obeyed when riding on the road.
16. Know what to carry when hacking out on the roads.
17. Know how to Look, Signal, Look Again (Life Saver Look), Manoeuvre.
18. Be able to ride left and right turns with the correct hand signals.
19. Know the sequence of traffic lights.

HORSEMASTERSHIP

20. Know what is required to keep a pony living out at grass in terms of field size, quality of grazing, shelter, and water.
21. Recognise good and poor stabling.
22. Know why it is important to keep a stabled pony well exercised.

23. Know the rules of watering and why water is important.
24. Identify a variety of indoor and outdoor rugs explaining their different uses.
25. Be able to put on a stable bandage.
26. Know the reasons for putting on stable bandages.
27. Know the external parts of the foot.
28. Name the farrier's tools.
29. Know what to look for when checking saddles and bridles for safety.
30. Be able to name the families of bits as shown in The Manual of Horsemanship.
31. Know the signs of good and poor health.
32. Know how to clean a wound.
33. Know when to call the vet.