



PONY CLUB



ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

BANDAGES AND RUGS

Achievement Badge

Learning Objectives

To identify different types of rugs and when to use them. How to put on a tail bandage.

Syllabus

- 1 Be able to recognise stable rugs and know when to use them.
- 2 Be able to recognise turn out rugs and know when to use them.
- 3 Know what rugs to put on hot sweaty ponies.
- 4 Know what rugs are suitable for travel.
- 5 Be able to put on and take off stable and turn out rugs.
- 6 Identify and be able to put on a tail bandage.

Teaching Ideas and Resources

- 1 Have a mixed pile of rugs. Ask the class to divide them into stable and turn out rugs. What is the difference between a turnout and stable rug? Do any of them have waterproof jackets that feel like the turnout rugs?

Ask class to make a list of pointers to suggest a pony would need a stable rug. (clipped, not hairy, temperature approaching freezing, cold ears and body).
- 2 Make a word search including the words, clipped, unhairly, quality, no shelter, deluge, thin.
- 3 From the previous pile of rugs ask class to selection a/fleeces. Discuss what they have noticed about a fleece rug that has been on a sweaty pony. How did the pony feel underneath the fleece?
- 4 Probably fleece rugs, ask class why. Is this the same for every pony?
- 5 Demonstrate putting on and off a rug. Class to practise folding

the rug, when they can fold the rug correctly and easily then under supervision to practise taking on and off rugs. Ensure class understands why it is safer to fold rugs to put on and off.

- 6 Show the difference between tail and stable bandages. Show how to unroll a bandage the correct way for putting it on. Practise on each other's arms putting on a bandage, correct tightness and even turns. When this has been mastered demonstrate how to put a bandage on a pony. Class to practise.

Recommended Reading

14th Edition The Pony Club Manual Rugs P88, 89, 90. Tail bandage 93, 94.

Questions

- 1 Pick out a stable rug from this pile of rugs. When does a pony need a stable rug?
- 2 Pick out a turn out rug from a pile. When does a pony need a turn out rug?
- 3 What rug would you put on a hot, sweaty pony. Why did you choose a fleece?
- 4 What rugs are suitable for travel?
- 5 Please demonstrate putting on and taking off a rug.
- 6 Demonstrate putting on and taking off a tail bandage.

Answers

- 1 A suitable rug chosen.
Rug needed when pony is clipped, not hairy, temperature approaching freezing, cold ears and body).
- 2 A suitable rug needed. A turn out rug needed for when pony clipped, unclipped, quality, no shelter, in rain deluge, or is thin.
- 3 A fleece.
Because it wicks the sweat off the pony, so it is dry underneath the rug.
- 4 Probably a fleece rug at this level.
- 5 Rug to be folded and put on and off correctly and safely.
- 6 Bandage to be applied correctly.