ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

CLIPPING

Achievement Badge

Learning Objectives/What will you learn:

The reasons for clipping, different types of clip, and what you need when clipping.

Syllabus

1. Know the different types and gram ratings of rugs available. Light weight (100-150g), Medium Weight (150-300g) and Heavy weight (300g+).
2. Be able to recognise a hunter clip, a blanket clip, a trace clip and belly and gullet clip.
3. Be able to explain the advantages of different clips.
4. Know what to wear if helping to clip a horse.
5. Know what equipment is needed for clipping.
6. Know where it is safe to clip.
7. Demonstrate, (with clippers not plugged in), in which direction to use the clippers.

Teaching Ideas and Resources

1. Distribute lists of ten sentences describing a clipped horse and how it is kept. At end of each sentence ask Member to write down the type/ tog of rug suitable. This coule also be done as a true/false exercise. Remember to include over rugging.
2. On a diagram of different clips, label the names of the clips.
3. If there are different clips on the yard, ask members why they think certain horses had that clip.
4. Stand in a circle, one person at a time to step into the middle of the circle and explain why they need to wear, (for example), hat, gloves

etc.

5. Complete a word search containing equipment for clipping.
6. Look at different stables on the yard and discuss why they are, or are not, suitable for clipping.
7. Demonstrate with clippers not plugged in how to use the clippers. Coach may show how the clippers do not remove hair when used in the wrong direction.

Recommended Reading

- 14th Edition The Pony Club Manual Pages 105 - 107

Questions

1. What type/weight/ of rugs are available and suitable for clipped ponies?
2. Tell me the four types of clip you have learnt about?
3. Why do different ponies have different clips?
4. What should you wear if helping to clip?
5. What equipment is needed for clipping?
6. Is this stable safe to use for clipping, OR what do you need to make a stable safe to clip in?
7. Please show or tell me about the direction in which to use the clippers?

Answers

1. Light weight (100-150g), Medium weight (150-300g) or Heavy weight (300g+).
2. Hunter clip, blanket clip, trace clip, and belly and gullet.
3. Answer should include:
   - different coats
   - different work load
   - living in or out.
4. Answer must include:
   - riding hat with chin strap done up
   - hair tied back
   - stout boots, preferably with rubber sole
   - gloves

   Additional answer could include overalls or old coat.

5 Answers to include four of the following:

- power supply
- circuit breaker
- clippers
- blades
- oil
- brush for clippers
- tail bandage
- rug for pony.

6 Answers must include:

- non slip footing
- good lighting
- big enough so the people clipping and helping do not get squashed
- secure door fastening.

7 Demonstration or explanation should go against the lay of the coat.