

UNMOUNTED SKILLS LEVEL THREE

Correctly demonstrate the following skills to a designated leader or resource person
Leader, please mark an **“X”** in the **“S” Column for successfully demonstrating** or
in the **“G” column with demonstrated with Guidance.**

| | | S | G | Date |
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| 1 | Explain proper foot care for your project animal & frequency of farrier visits | | | |
| 2 | Explain proper preventative health care for your project animal (vaccinations, dental, de-wormings) | | | |
| 3 | Correctly identify what type of hay you feed your project animal. Examine and explain the quality of the hay. | | | |
| 4 | Identify the bit you use on your horse, explain why you use it | | | |
| 5 | Disassemble an English or Western bridle and reassemble it correctly | | | |
| 6 | Demonstrate the correct placement of your horse’s saddle on your horse, explain how you know that the saddle is suited for you and your project animal. | | | |
| 7 | Describe how to store, clean and handle your tack | | | |
| 8 | Accurately measure a horse or pony’s height | | | |
| 9 | Make a temporary halter from a loose rope. | | | |
| 10 | Demonstrate how to properly wrap your horse’s legs for trailering | | | |
| 11 | Correctly identify when another rider is cantering/loping on the correct lead | | | |
| 12 | Correctly identify when another rider is on the correct diagonal | | | |

RIDER'S NAME _____

DATE _____

LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Comments: _____

LEVEL THREE MOUNTED SKILLS EVALUATION

(Choice of Seat Optional)

Scoring System – 75% passing (with a minimum of 5 on each movement)

1-3 Unsafe - difficulty maintaining control

3-5 Attempt to perform movement but below requirements (Example: wrong lead uncorrected)

5-8 Movement performed with errors, but corrected (Example: leads, diagonals)

8-10 Movement performed correctly to exceptionally well

| LEVEL THREE | Possible | Score |
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| Lead your horse or pony to evaluator, perform a tack check and explain | 10 | |
| Mount your horse or pony (may be assisted) walk along trail | 10 | |
| Circle at a trot | 10 | |
| Canter left lead down center of ring | 10 | |
| Reverse at the canter, performing a simple lead change (flying lead change acceptable) | 10 | |
| Canter right lead, break to trot | 10 | |
| Halt, pause 10 seconds | 10 | |
| Reverse on the haunches (180 degree turn) | 10 | |
| Reverse on the forehand (180 degree turn) | 10 | |
| Sidepass either way along the rail | 10 | |
| Trot over 4 ground poles | 10 | |
| Back through 3 cones | 10 | |
| Perform English/Western riding pattern at a trot | 10 | |
| Ground tie | 10 | |

ADDITIONAL SCORING

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| Subtle use of aids | 10 | |
| Submission of horse to rider | 10 | |
| Correctness of position | 10 | |
| Balance and collection | 10 | |
| Overall safety awareness | 10 | |

Total (180) _____

Rider's Name _____

General Comments of overall ride (may make suggestions for improvement)

Evaluator's Signature _____ Date _____