

UTILITY PONY TEST FOR RIDDEN & IN-HAND



Tasks

1. GATE - Open a gate with a catch, go through the gate and close it behind you. You can take your time and readjust as required.
2. BRIDGE CROSSING – Create yourself a bridge and ride or walk your pony over/through it. This could be a real bridge, a homemade bridge or just a piece of carpet!
Please make sure it is safe for your pony to cross.
3. FLAG PICKUP & CARRY – Pick up a flag from one stand and carry it at walk before placing it in another stand.
4. WASHING LINE – Peg an item on, or take one off a 'washing line'. For ridden classes, you'll score higher if you're mounted whilst doing this.
5. APPLE BOB & CARRY – Collect an apple from a bucket of water (apple bobbing!) and carry it to a 'finish line' (can be carried by hand or by a scoop).
6. REVERSING INTO A BOX – Back your pony into a marked square without stepping out.
7. SACK DROP – Pick up a small sack and drop it into a bin/barrel/bucket.
8. SLALOM POLES – Weave between five poles/cones/upturned buckets at a walk or a trot.
9. STEPPING STONES – Rider/handler to walk over rubber mats, tyres or a similar suitable object placed in a pattern.
10. FREESTYLE – Pick an exercise to show off you ponies skills. The most creative obstacle in the utility pony section will receive a special rosette.