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"D-3" TEST SHEET

Candidate's name _____

Address _____

Name of Pony Club/Riding Center _____

District Commissioner/Center Administrator _____ Region _____

NOTE: Before beginning test, Examiners must read "Guidelines for Club/Center Certifications – D-1 through C-2" and the D-3 Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for D Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during test to include Grid and Jumping Exercises chart. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in a basic balanced position with control at the walk, trot, and canter. Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences.

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS: The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills without assistance, and to discuss care of the mount, using common horse terms.

TURN OUT

- Rider in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the SOP.
- Mount to be well brushed, (no sweat), clean (no dirt), with feet picked out, showing farrier care. Mane and tail are to be brushed and eyes and nose, lips and dock wiped off.
- Tack is to be safe, especially stitching on stirrups and girth; and clean with no jockeys or dust, with stress-points clean, stirrup pads clean, and bit clean. All tack must be properly adjusted.
- Describe formal attire, informal attire.
- Describe proper adjustment of snaffle bridle with cavesson noseband. Describe proper adjustment of curb chain if used on own mount.

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RIDING ON THE FLAT

- Demonstrate correct mounting (using mounting block if necessary).
- Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt.
- Shorten and lengthen reins at halt, walk and trot.

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WARM UP

- Demonstrate mount's warm-up routine for everyday work under examiner supervision.
- Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot.
- Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot.
- Discuss at least three reasons for doing balancing/suppling exercises.

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KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

M = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

<p>MOVEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride mount on the flat demonstrating 20-meter circles showing correct riding position in both directions at all gaits. • Demonstrate increase and decrease of speed either alone or with others, as appropriate. • Demonstrate passing others safely while riding in an arena at the walk and trot. • Demonstrate a halt, followed by a simple step back. • Demonstrate emergency dismount at the trot in an enclosed arena. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>____ES _____DNMS ____MS</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rider should show a basic balanced position through the flat work. Discuss performance with examiner, including rider's basic balanced position, and whether or not circles were round and natural aids correctly influenced the mount. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>____ES _____DNMS ____MS</p> </div>
<p>RIDING OVER FENCES</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rider over small gymnastic grid of trot poles followed by a cross rail, then a vertical set at, but not to exceed, 2'3" set at appropriate distances for mount's stride. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>____ES _____DNMS ____MS</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump a simple stadium course of five to seven obstacles including a simple oxer. The majority of fences should be set at but not to exceed 2'3". • Discuss performance and reasons for any disobedience. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>____ES _____DNMS ____MS</p> </div>
<p>RIDING IN THE OPEN</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride safely with a group, at the walk and trot, over varied terrain, through shallow water and small ditches as occur in natural terrain. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>____ES _____DNMS ____MS</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jump four to five simple cross-country obstacles, the majority of fences at, but not to exceed, 2'3". • Speed should not exceed 240 meters per minute or 300 meters per minute, appropriate for the size of mount. • Discuss ways to control mount in the open • Discuss performance with Examiner. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>____ES _____DNMS ____MS</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rider should show a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>____ES _____DNMS ____MS</p> </div>
<p>CONDITIONING/NUTRITION</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know 5-7 basic rules of feeding. • Discuss the amount of roughage and the amount of concentrates per ration for own mount. • Describe care of mount after strenuous work, to include cooling out, inspection of legs, watering and feeding. • Describe two indications a mount may not be fit enough for the work asked of him/her. • Know vital signs of mount at rest and what TPR stands for. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>____ES _____DNMS ____MS</p> </div>

HORSE SPORTS

- Name five horse sports offered in USPC.

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STABLE MANAGEMENT

- Demonstrate and discuss how to clean a dirty/soiled stall. Demonstrate the proper steps and methods for removing manure and wet areas, how to bank a stall, and discuss the reasons for and benefits of regular stall cleaning for the health and safety of your mount. For testing purposes, a soiled horse trailer may be used.
- Demonstrate and discuss the proper methods of hanging a water bucket and haynet/haybag, hanging both at a proper height for your mount, at either a trailer or stall. Discuss the different needs of your horse during a day rally or clinic, or overnight stay.

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BREEDS, PARTS OF MOUNT, CONFORMATION & LAMENESS

- Name six horse breeds, four pony breeds, and five draft horse breeds.
- Describe how to measure height of mount.
- Identify at least 20 parts of the mount, to include hock, gaskin, withers, croup, fetlock, pastern.
- Know common conformation faults of neck, back, shoulder, head and pasterns.
- Describe the characteristics of a strange mount clearly enough for another person to recognize it within a group. Include: color, breed, markings, size, sex, and obvious conformation characteristics.

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TRAVEL SAFETY

- Know rules for riding safely on public roads in your state.
- Know procedure for mounted group crossing a public roadway.
- Discuss the proper procedure for loading and unloading a mount.

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RECORD BOOK

- The D-3 is expected to keep careful records of veterinary visits, and general health of mount. Record Book must be brought to the test. A minimum of three months of records is required. Records should reflect appropriate depth of knowledge for this level.

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HEALTH CARE & VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE

- Name some symptoms of a sick or injured mount that would cause you to seek help.
- Describe location of eyes and how this affects the mount's vision.

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<p>LAND CONSERVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name three important rules when riding across privately-owned land. Write thank-you notes to two landowners who support your club and tell them why you appreciate being able to use their land. If you ride on public land, write a thank-you note to the manager or contact person. 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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<p>LEADING & LONGEING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate correctly jogging mount, moving mount forward with whip (if necessary). Lead safely from both sides. Discuss longeing equipment and use. 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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<p>FOOT & SHOEING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name three parts of the hoof. Describe obvious signs of a hoof needing shoeing or trimming. Discuss signs of thrush and hoof abscess. 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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<p>BOOTS & BANDAGING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe critical areas protected by shipping bandages or boots and give reasons for their use. Describe a stable bandage and give two reasons they can be used. Apply polo wraps with assistance. 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

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Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of five; not more than two riding)

A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- This test has a total of 21 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* five sections of the test (not more than two riding sections).
- Retest must take place within one month and must be completed in one day.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(Examiner for portions retested)