

Patch: Show Grooming (This patch may be taught/tested by any Pony Club qualified instructor)

Club Officials should be completely satisfied that the Pony Club rider has over a period of time (suggested no less than 6 months) consistently presented their Pony Club Mount in a manner that indicates thorough grooming before testing for the Show Grooming Achievement Patch.

This should include the feet which must show evidence of regular care, oiling, trimming, shoeing etc. It is not expected that the Pony Club mount should be clean to the skin and indeed this is not generally encouraged in Pony Club. However it is expected that the rider consistently presents with a clean, well cared for mount and for this patch, presentation with thoroughly washed and clean mount is required.

Candidate Name		Date	
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Item	How the Rider must Present	C	NYC	Examiner Notes
Wear pony club uniform	Pony club uniform as per pony club rules for rallies, however old clothes to cover uniform while applying makeup & hoofblack is encouraged.			
	Clean boots (as permitted by the rules).			
	The helmet must be of current standard and correctly fitted.			
	The rider must not be wearing any jewellery (except as per the rules).			
Turnout of Mount	Clean and tidy and feet in good condition, washed suitable for show presentation.			
Mount	Mount to be suitable for demonstrating show grooming.			
Item	What the Rider must Know	C	NYC	Examiner Notes
Rider must know the basic items for a show grooming kit and what they are used for.	Identify or name the basic items required for a show grooming kit.			Hoof pick, body brush, dandy brush, mane/tail comb, pulling/thinning comb, curry comb, razor blades, trimming clippers, scissors sponges etc.
	Identify or name the basic items required for 'dressing up' a horse for showing.			Hoof black, makeup & applicators, rubber bands, braiding thread/needles.
	Identify what for/how each item is used.			
	Show knowledge of the basic reasons for methods used for show grooming and knowledge of implications of show grooming of caring for the horse under local conditions.			
Item	What the Rider must demonstrate	C	NYC	Examiner Notes
Rider must be able to show the basics techniques used to present their mount for the show ring.	Demonstrate how to pull a mane for plaiting, describing why it is done.			
	Demonstrate how to plait a mane (including forelock) using either rubber bands or sewing method.			
	Describe how to present a tail suitable for the show ring either by pulling, braiding or shaving.			
	Show how/where to trim bridle path and wither, whiskers, legs and ears.			Show precise areas where mount should be trimmed.
	Paint hooves with hoof black and explain why, that if not water based, it should be removed afterwards.			
	Demonstrate suitable application of makeup and removal of makeup following event.			

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	Demonstrate removal of plaits and describe importance of not leaving plaits in too long.			
	Optional – demonstrate application of decorative embellishments eg sharks teeth & checkers.			
Examined By		Date		

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