



Horsemanship Merit Badge Workbook

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Scouts participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity, whether online or in person, should consider using the Horsemanship merit badge pamphlet for discovery and knowledge, along with the class preparation pages for clarifications, insights, and expectations.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/horsemanship/horsemanship-pamphlet.pdf>

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REQUIREMENT 1a: Describe the safety precautions you should take when handling and caring for a horse.

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REQUIREMENT 1b: Describe the fire safety precautions you should take in a barn and around horses.

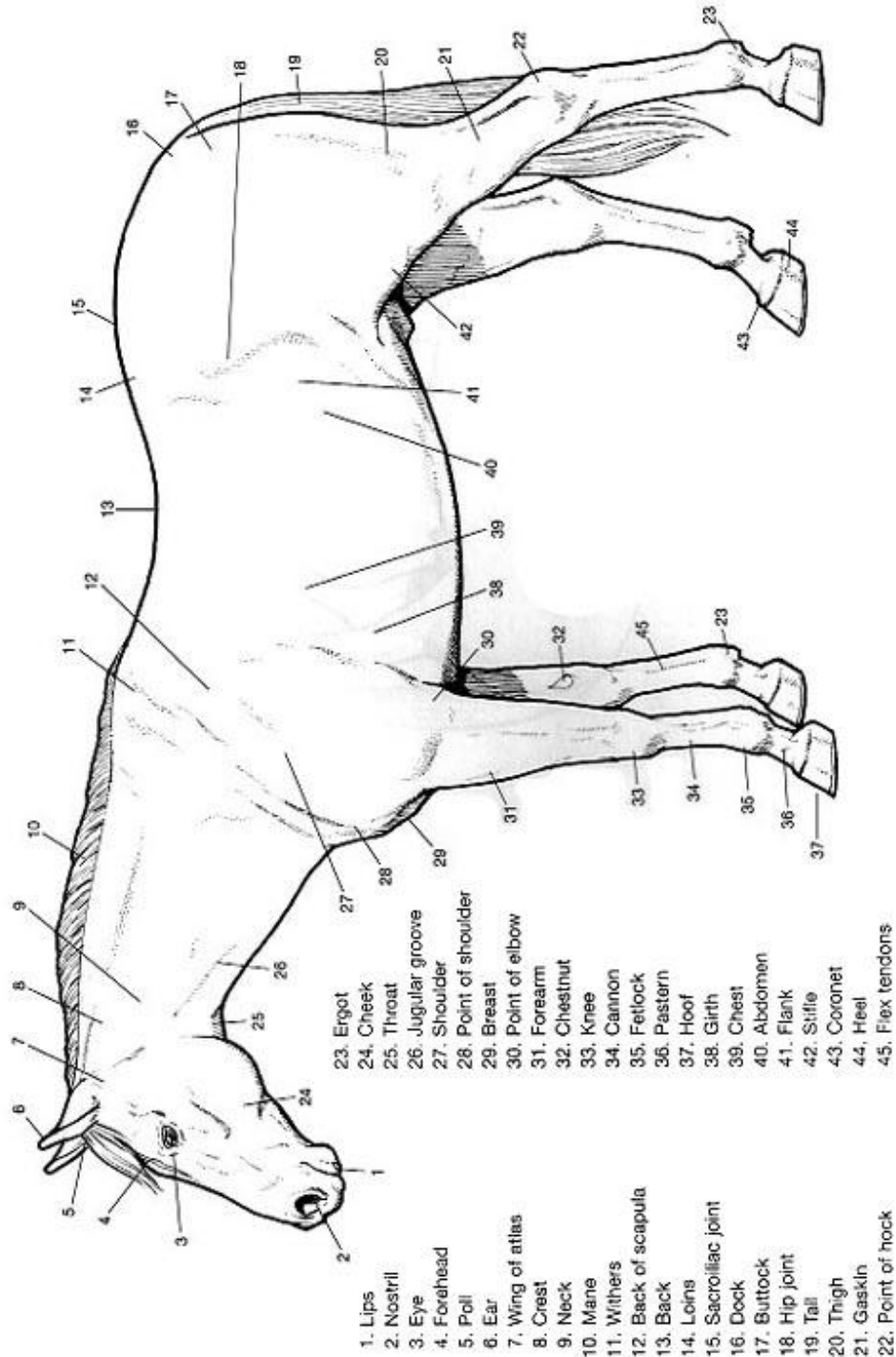
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REQUIREMENT 2: Name 15 parts of a horse and discuss the function of each with your counselor.





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REQUIREMENT 3:	Name four breeds of horses. Explain the special features for which each breed is known.
HORSE #1:	
Breed:	
Features:	
HORSE #2:	
Breed:	
Features:	



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HORSE #3:

Breed:

Features:

HORSE #4:

Breed:

Features:



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REQUIREMENT 4: Describe the symptoms of colic. Name and describe four other horse health problems.

HORSE HEALTH PROBLEM: COLIC

Horse Health Problem: COLIC

Features:

HORSE HEALTH PROBLEM #1:

Horse Health Problem #1:

Symptoms:



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HORSE HEALTH PROBLEM #4:

Horse Health Problem #1:

Symptoms:

HORSE HEALTH PROBLEM #3:

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Symptoms:



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HORSE HEALTH PROBLEM #4:

Horse Health Problem #1:

Symptoms:

REQUIREMENT 5: Explain what conformation is and why it is important.

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REQUIREMENT 5: Explain the difference between lameness and unsoundness.

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REQUIREMENT 6: Explain the importance of hoof care and why a horse might need to wear shoes.

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REQUIREMENT 7: Demonstrate how to groom a horse, including picking hooves and caring for a horse after a ride.

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REQUIREMENT 8: Explain how to determine what and how much to feed a horse.

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REQUIREMENT 8: Explain why the amount and kind of feed are changed according to the activity level and the breed of horse.

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REQUIREMENT 9a: Name 10 parts of the saddle and bridle that you will use.



REQUIREMENT 9a: Explain how to care for this equipment (saddle and bridle).

Bridle Care:

Saddle Care:



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REQUIREMENT 9b: Show how to properly saddle and bridle a horse.

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REQUIREMENT 9c: Demonstrate how to safely mount and dismount a horse.

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REQUIREMENT 10: Explain and demonstrate how to approach and lead a horse safely from a stall, corral, or field.

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REQUIREMENT 10: Explain and demonstrate how to tie the horse securely.

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- REQUIREMENT 11:** On level ground, continuously do the following movements after safely mounting the horse. Do them correctly, at ease, and in harmony with the horse.
- Walk the horse in a straight line for 60 feet.
 - Walk the horse in a half-circle of not more than 16 feet in radius.
 - Trot or jog the horse in a straight line for 60 feet.
 - Trot or jog the horse in a half-circle of not more than 30 feet in radius.
 - Halt straight.
 - Back up straight four

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