

# BRONZE AWARD 1

## OBJECTIVES

Make controlled transitions

Ride independently from the rest of the ride.

Start to be actively involved in the care of ponies.

## RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Mount and dismount from a mounting block and receive a leg up from either side.	
Sit straight and balanced in the saddle.	
Lengthen and shorten stirrups before mounting.	
Check girth before and while mounted.	
Ride in rising trot.	
Upward and downward transitions:	
Halt to walk	
Walk to trot	
Trot to walk	
Walk to halt.	
Make changes of rein and circles in walk.	
Simple exercises	
Know how the pony positions his feet when he halts square.	
Be able to ride exercises independently.	
Know it is safer to ride on the road with adults.	
Know on which side of the road you should ride.	
Understand a simple green cross code.	
Know how to ride along a road, cross a road, and say 'thank you'.	

## HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Approach and handle a pony correctly.	
Catch a pony in the field and put on a headcollar or halter.	
Lead a pony in a headcollar.	
Name simple points of the pony.	
Be able to take off a bridle and hang it up.	
Know two types of food ponies eat.	

## BRONZE AWARD 2

### OBJECTIVES

Learn to have control when riding off the lead rein.

Start to understand how to care for ponies.

	Date Completed
RIDING AND ROAD SENSE	
Be able to pass the previous test	
Mount and dismount from a mounting block.	
Sit in a safe and reasonably secure position in the saddle.	
Lengthen and shorten reins	
Ride off the lead rein.	
Ride from halt to walk and from walk to halt in a straight line off the leading rein.	
Make turns left and right in walk following instructions.	
Be able to make the pony stand still while being mounted.	
Know how to keep a safe distance when riding in a ride.	
Know not to get too close to the pony in front.	
Know it is safer to ride on the road with adults.	
Know on which side of the road you should ride.	
Understand a simple green cross code.	

### HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous test	
Be able to put on a headcollar in the stable.	
Be able to tie up a pony correctly.	
Know the parts of the pony's body.	
Be able to remove the saddle and put it away correctly.	
Know that water must always be available.	

**Riders name:**.....

### **BRONZE AWARD 3**

#### OBJECTIVES

To start to learn about riding ponies.

Begin handling ponies and start to become confident around them.

#### RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

	Date completed
Mount by receiving a leg up	
Dismount	
Sit in a safe and reasonably secure position in the saddle.	
Hold the reins correctly.	
Ride from halt to walk and from walk to halt in a straight line. Either on or off the leading rein.	
Know the pony must stand still while being mounted.	
Know not to get too close to other ponies.	
Know it is safer to ride on the road with adults.	
Know on which side of the road you should ride.	

#### HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date completed
Know how to approach a pony and give him a pat.	
Be able to untie a pony.	
Remove the headcollar.	
Know some colours of ponies.	
Be able to check if the girth is loose before mounting.	
Be able to pull down the stirrups before mounting	

## SILVER AWARD 1

### OBJECTIVES

To be working towards developing a balanced seat independent of the reins.

Understand elementary aids and be able to apply them.

### RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Exercises at walk without stirrups.	
Accurate transitions.	
Be able to canter from the front to the rear of the ride.	
Ride over a short course of poles on the ground in trot including small cross poles.	
Know the sequence of legs in canter.	
Be able to lead a drill ride.	
Know it is safer to ride on the road with adults.	
Know on which side of the road you should ride	
Understand a simple green cross code.	
Know how to ride along a road, cross a road, and say 'thank you'.	
Know how to signal left and right	
Understand how to ride on the road with a friend.	
Know the sequence of traffic lights	
Recognise the dangers to ponies from cars and other traffic.	
Know what weather conditions it is not safe to ride out in and how the pony may behave in bad weather.	
Know what may frighten the pony and what may cause him to slip.	

### HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Know the different items of grooming kit and how to use them.	
Lead a pony in hand in walk and trot and turn him correctly.	
Recognise different markings on the legs and body	
Name all the types of native ponies.	
Know the procedure for cleaning a saddle and bridle.	
Put on a saddle and bridle. Know if it fits.	
Recognise basic feedstuffs hay, nuts, bran, sugar beet, chaff.	
Know how to give hay in the field to several ponies	
Recognise some poisonous plants.	
Recognise stable, sweat and turn out rugs.	

## SILVER AWARD 2

### OBJECTIVES

Start to develop a balanced seat.

Become more involved in looking after ponies.

### RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Mount and dismount from either side	
Sitting trot	
Make changes of rein and circles in sitting and rising trot.	
Be able to walk and trot in poised position over poles.	
Ride over a short course of poles on the ground in trot.	
Know the sequence of legs in trot.	
Be able to ride as leading file.	
Know it is safer to ride on the road with adults.	
Know on which side of the road you should ride	
Understand a simple green cross code.	
Know how to ride along a road, cross a road, and say 'thank you'.	
Know how to signal left and right	
Understand how to ride on the road with a friend.	
Know the sequence of traffic lights	

### HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Know how to use the body brush on the pony's face, mane and tail.	
Be able to pick out the pony's feet.	
Recognise different markings on the face.	
Name some breeds of native ponies.	
Be able to adjust the stirrups at halt.	
Be able to stand the saddle on the ground correctly.	
Be able to name the types of food ponies eat.	
Know the difference between good and bad fences.	
Know how to provide water in a field.	

## SILVER AWARD 3

### OBJECTIVES

Have a basic understanding of ponies.

Achieve confidence in handling and riding a pony.

To improve and enjoy learning about ponies.

### RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Mount and dismount unaided from the ground.	
A correct position in the saddle.	
Lengthen and shorten stirrups correctly while mounted.	
Adjust girth before and while mounted.	
Be able to make transitions at the markers.	
Make changes of rein and circles in rising trot.	
Change diagonal as necessary.	
Ride over a short course of poles on the ground in walk.	
Know the sequence of legs in walk.	
Be able to pass the ride safely.	
Know it is safer to ride on the road with adults.	
Know on which side of the road you should ride	
Understand a simple green cross code.	
Know how to ride along a road, cross a road, and say 'thank you'.	
Know how to signal left and right	
Understand how to ride on the road with a friend.	

### HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Know how to brush off a pony with a dandy brush.	
Be able to pick up the pony's feet.	
Be able to lead a pony in a bridle.	
Be able to make the pony stand still from the ground.	
Be able to tighten the girth at halt with assistance.	
Name different parts of a saddle and bridle.	
Be able to give a pony an apple or carrot correctly.	
Know basic needs of a pony in summer and winter. Why they need shelter, water and for	

## GOLD AWARD 1

### OBJECTIVES

Be in control of the pony in all paces and over jumps

Have control over a pony on the roads and in the countryside

Know how to look after a grass kept pony, or a pony on a combined system

Know the country lore

### RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Hold the reins in one hand	
Exercises in sitting trot without stirrups	
Be able to ride in all paces in a large open space	
Position at gallop	
Mounted games	
Know how to ride across farmland	
Know how to overtake stationary vehicles	
Know how to ride around roundabouts	
Know roads signs and police signals	
Know how to pass hazards	

### HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Be able to muck out a loose box and set fair	
Know how to care for a pony working off grass	
Know how to wash down a hot pony	
Know the rules of watering	
Know the rules of feeding	
Know when to give a thorough grooming	
Describe the parts of the foot that can be seen	
Know when a pony is off colour	
Know the symptoms of colic, colds and flu	
Know how to protect against tetanus and flu	
Be able to put on a stable bandage	
Lead a pony in and out of a trailer or horse box	

## GOLD AWARD 3

### OBJECTIVES

Work towards an effective and balanced seat on the flat and over jumps.

Know how to behave when riding on the roads and in the countryside

Understand the requirements of a pony at grass

### RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Be able to do mounted exercises in walk and trot	
Be able to walk, trot and canter in an open space	
Know if the pony is cantering on the correct leg	
Be able to jump small grids and a small course of jumps	
Simple mounted games	
Know how to move off on the road	
Name some reflective clothing riders can wear	
Know how to pass other riders	
Know how to ride round corners and turn left and right	

### HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Know what to check before turning pony into the field	
Recognize good fencing	
Know how to provide water in the field	
Know the signs of good health	
Know what to feed grass kept ponies	
Know how to groom grass kept ponies	
Know the reasons for shoeing	
Recognize some farriers tools	
Know how a pony moves if he is lame	
Know what protection a pony needs when traveling	
Put on and take off a stable rug	



## GOLD AWARD 2

### OBJECTIVES

Improve position on the flat and over jumps

Understand the combined system of keeping ponies

Understand the requirements of a stabled pony

Be courteous to other road users

	Date Completed
RIDING AND ROAD SENSE	
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Position in walk, trot and canter	
Correct jumping position	
Know how to correct canter leads	
Have control over pony when jumping a small course of jumps in the open, including doubles Mounted games	
Know how to ride in pairs and groups on the road and in the countryside	
Recognise when roads are slippery	
Know how to ride across cross roads	
Name some reflective clothing ponies can wear	

### HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date Completed
Be able to pass the previous tests	
Know the names of the stable tools and how they are used	
Describe the ideal stable	
Be able to skip out a loose box	
Know how to cool down a hot pony	
Know how to measure the height of a pony	
Know how much to feed	
Know how to groom a stable kept pony	
Recognize when a pony needs re-shoeing	
Know what to look for in a newly shod foot	
Know how to treat small cuts	
Know some causes of lameness	
Put on a tail bandage	
Put on and take off a New Zealand rug	

## PLATINUM AWARD 3

### OBJECTIVES

To work towards becoming an educated and practical horseman

To be able to look after ponies kept at grass and have experience and knowledge of looking after stabled horses

To be able to ride at all paces over fences and varying terrain

To be able to ride a well mannered horse or pony out hunting and be able to prepare him before the day and care for him afterwards

To have a knowledge of pace, distance and discipline to ride intelligently and safely in a group or alone

Ride with due regard for others in the country and on the roads

To be able to ride safely on the public highway

### RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

	Date Completed
Mount receiving a leg up from the correct side	
Dismount from the incorrect side	
Have a correct position at all paces	
Maintain a balanced position when changing from rising to sitting trot to rising trot	
Know and be able to explain the aids for transitions from halt to walk and walk to trot	
Be able to halt squarely and salute	
Know how the horse should place his feet in halt and the sequence of footfalls in walk	
Be able to ride with the reins in one hand	
Know which rein controls the pace	
Be able to maintain a correct and balanced position when riding up and down hills	
Maintain a correct jumping position around a course of jumps	
Know the type of bit and its action that your horse is using	
Know how to ride safely on the roads in pairs and in groups	
Know whose instructions must be obeyed when riding on the road	
Know what to carry when hacking out on the roads	

## HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date Completed
Know what is required to keep a pony living out at grass in terms of field size, fencing and shelter, quality of grazing and water	
Recognise good and poor stabling	
Know why it is important to keep a stabled pony well exercised	
Know the rules of watering and why water is important	
Know the reasons for grooming and how to groom a grass kept pony	
Identify a variety of indoor and outdoor rugs explaining their different uses	
Know the reasons for putting on stable and travelling bandages	
Know the external parts of the foot	
Name the farriers tools	
Recognise when a pony needs re-shoeing	
Know what to look for when checking saddles and bridles for safety	
Know the signs of good and poor health	
Know how to stop bleeding	
Know the rules of sick nursing	
Know how to hose a wound	

## PLATINUM AWARD 2

### OBJECTIVES

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To be able to ride at all paces over fences and varying terrain

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### RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

	Date Completed
Mount from a mounting block on either side	
Be in balance with the horse at all paces	
Maintain balance when changing diagonals	
Know and be able to explain the aids for transitions from trot to canter on either rein and canter to trot, to walk, to halt	
Be able to perform a quarter turn on the forehand and know the correct aids	
Know the sequence of footfalls in trot	
Be able to change the rein with the reins in one hand	
Be able to jump a variety of fences and ditches out of trot and canter	
Know the names and actions of the more commonly known bits	
Know the signals to give when overtaking and negotiating junctions	
Know which roads signs must be obeyed and which signs are warning signs only	
Know the country lore	

## HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date Completed
Know how to prepare a grass kept pony for riding at all times of year	
Know different types of bedding and give reasons for choosing one particular type	
Know why it is important that stabled horses spend some time out at grass each day	
Know the rules of feeding and why are important	
Have a thorough knowledge of all the items in a grooming kit	
Know the differences between grooming a grass kept and a stable kept pony	
Demonstrate putting on and taking off a variety of rugs with different fastenings	
Identify different types of bandages	
Know why padding must be put underneath bandages	
Identify different types of padding	
Know the bones inside the foot	
Know what the farrier does when removing a shoe	
Describe a fullered shoe used for everyday ridingÂ· Know what to check to see that a bridle fits correctly and comfortable	
Recognise when a pony is in good or poor condition	
Know how to clean a wound	
Know when a horse should be isolated	
Know how to tub a foot	
Know the importance of influenza and tetanus vaccinations	

## PLATINUM AWARD 1

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### RIDING AND ROAD SENSE

	Date Completed
Mount and dismount correctly from either side	
Be able to keep a correct, balanced and effective position in all paces over all types of terrain	
Be able to change diagonals at appropriate places and know the reasons for changing diagonals	
Know and be able to explain the aids for transitions for turns and circles	
Be able to perform a turn on the forehand in either direction and know the correct aids and how the horses legs should move	
Know the sequence of footfalls in canter and gallop on either rein	
Be able to make a simple change of leg at canter through trot	
Be able to jump up and down hill, jump doubles and know the correct distances	
Know the names and the actions of the bits used on a double bridle	
Know how to present your horse at a junction and roundabout	
Know the advice given by the Highway Code regarding what to wear when riding and leading horses on the road and what the horse should wear	
Know what to do in the event of an accident	

## HORSEMASTERSHIP

	Date Completed
Know how to look after a grass kept pony after hunting or competition	
Understand the importance of a daily routine	
Have a knowledge of different routines including the combined system	
Be able to recognise different feeds and forage	
Know the different between compounds and straights	
Know how to groom a stabled horse including wisping or banging	
Demonstrate a knowledge of putting on a blanket under a stable rug and fitting rain sheets and exercise blankets	
Know whether the rug/s they fit correctly	
Put on a stable bandage	
Know the sensitive structures inside the foot	
Know how the farrier prepares the foot for the new shoe and the process of nailing on and finishing off	
Describe a hunter shoe	
Know what to look for to check that a saddle fits correctly	
Recognise when a pony is lame	
Know the contents of the veterinary kit and their uses	
Know how to look after a sick horseÂ· Know how to apply hot and cold fomentations	
Know how to apply a poultice	