

Riding Challenge #1

Antecedent Arrangement:

A familiar, fenced in area. Handler is in full contact with the horse. Have your saddle pad, saddle, and girth available. A spot to station, and 4 targets set up in a square.

Task #1

Scores

Station touch acceptance

The horse stands stationed at a mat, target, or just standing facing forward, while the handler walks around touching the horse's neck, body, back, and rump on both sides

Requirements: The horse should remain relaxed and calm while the handler touches them all over

Accuracy: ___/5

Cues and Response: ___/5

Reinforcement: ___/5

Horse's Wellbeing: ___/5

Reviewer's Comments:

Task #2

Scores

Saddle pad

The handler should hold the saddle pad out for the horse to target twice in different spots, then wave the saddle pad around like a flag

Requirements: The horse should remain calm and relatively still

Accuracy: ___/5

Cues and Response: ___/5

Reinforcement: ___/5

Horse's Wellbeing: ___/5

Reviewer's Comments:

Task #3

Scores

Saddle pad

The handler should swing the saddle pad onto the horse's back 3 times, being more dramatic than natural tacking. The third time straighten out the pad for tacking.

Requirements: The horse should remain relaxed and confident with this

Accuracy: ___/5

Cues and Response: ___/5

Reinforcement: ___/5

Horse's Wellbeing: ___/5

Reviewer's Comments:

Task #4	Scores
<p>Saddle The handler should hold the saddle for the horse to target twice in different spots. Then swing the saddle dramatically onto the horse's back (but landing gently so as not to slam the horse)</p> <p>Requirements: The horse should be relaxed and confident with the swinging saddle</p>	<p>Accuracy: ___/5 Cues and Response: ___/5 Reinforcement: ___/5 Horse's Wellbeing: ___/5</p>
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Task #5	Scores
<p>Girth and stirrups The handler should attach the girth on both sides, but leaving it fairly loose, tightening it just one or two holes on each side until the girth is tight. Also drop the stirrups down to the horse's side (if you are using a pad with no stirrups, hang bags on both sides to bump on the horse's side as they move)</p> <p>Requirements: The horse should look comfortable and calm about this. You may reinforce as desired.</p>	<p>Accuracy: ___/5 Cues and Response: ___/5 Reinforcement: ___/5 Horse's Wellbeing: ___/5</p>
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Task #6	Scores
<p>Send to 4 targets From here cue the horse to go to the target square, sending the horse from one target to the next in the full square, once in each direction. The handler should lag behind the horse or stay close to the center of the square while the horse navigates the targets.</p> <p>Requirements: The horse should confidently move to each each target without hesitation or confusion and remain relaxed in the tack.</p>	<p>Accuracy: ___/5 Cues and Response: ___/5 Reinforcement: ___/5 Horse's Wellbeing: ___/5</p>
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