

D2 Rally and Rating Tips **By Stormy May,** **Chief Horse Management Judge, Sierra Pacific Region**

Please keep these on file for your future ratings. The questions are ones that give a good indication of the depth of knowledge needed at each level. Only certain sections may be covered.

The guides are not meant to be comprehensive, they are only intended to get you studying on the right track. Many of the answers can be found in the Pony Club manuals. Additional resources include veterinarians, trainers, farriers, and graduate Pony Clubbers.

Memorizing this knowledge from books is a start but the examiners will also want to hear of practical experiences and applications of this knowledge. These guides should be used along with the standards.

***Most importantly, I hope there are never any answer keys made for these questions. It isn't necessarily these questions or answers that are the most important part. The studying and questioning that you have to do to find the answers will be the biggest value. ***

Good luck!
~Stormy

- What are 3 balancing and suppling exercises the rider can do?
- How can you tell when you're on the correct diagonal?
- How can you tell when your horse is on the correct lead?
- Have you practiced putting protective boots on your horse?
- What condition is your horse in?
- What are three things to check to see if your pony is cooled out?
- What's the feeding rule about how much to feed?
- What's the feeding rule about when to feed?
- When and what does your pony get fed?
- What is the safest way to use a hoofpick?

- When would you use a curry comb?
- What body parts should you not use a curry comb on?
- How do you clean a body brush?
- What's the difference between a dandy and a body brush?
- What are two things that could be unsafe on a saddle?
- What are two things that could be unsafe on a bridle?
- What stable vice is talked about in this newsletter issue?
- Where is the pastern?
- Where is the fetlock?
- Where is the dock?
- What's the difference between a chestnut and a bay?
- What's the difference between a palomino and a cremello?
- How can you tell if a horse is truly black?
- What is a seal bay?
- What's the difference between a tobiano and an overo?
- What is it called when a horse has white up to his pastern?
- What's it called when a horse has white extending over his hock?
- What is a little white patch on the nose called?
- Which breeds are used for racing?
- Which breeds are used for pulling plows?
- Which breeds do little kids ride?
- Which breeds are used in the Olympics?
- Which side of the road are you supposed to ride on?

- What should your horse be wearing on his head in a trailer?
- What should your horse be wearing on his legs in a trailer?
- What does the vet do when he or she comes out and it's not an emergency?
- Have you practiced your quick release knot?
- How many hands should you keep on the reins or leadrope when leading?
- Where should your pony be facing when you let him go in a stall?
- Why is it important to take care of your horse's feet every day?
- Why do you need a farrier to check your pony regularly?
- Why is it important to learn how to bandage your horse's legs correctly?