

## **C3 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*

- Which organism is both an internal parasite and an external parasite?
- How can you tell if a horse has an abscessed tooth other than by sight?
- What is a good angle for the horse's shoulder to be?
- What is a goose rump?
- Which parts of starthistle are toxic?
- What time of year is starthistle toxic?
- What is your horse's resting temperature, pulse, and respiration? After work?
- Did you clean your horse's tail all the way down to the tailbone?
- Is all the dandruff gone?
- Why might a rider choose to use a pelham over a snaffle?

- How long would it take to condition a horse for a novice level event? (Include starting condition, age, weight, experience, etc...)
- What feed changes would you make when conditioning a horse? Why?
- If your horse is post legged is that good or bad? Why?
- What would it look like if your horse had been poisoned by ragwort?
- What common feeds provide fat in the horse's diet?
- Where do horses get their vitamin D?
- How much does a bale of alfalfa cost?
- How much does a bag of your grain cost?
- Where was your hay grown?
- How many splint bones does a horse have?
- What conformation contributes to interfering?
- A bumper pull trailer usually hooks up with a hitch, 2 safety chains, electrical connection, and one other little wire. What is the little wire for and how do you know if it's working?
- How often should you check your trailer's floorboards? How do you check them?
- What fluids should be checked in the towing vehicle? Should the vehicle be running or cold when checking them? (If you practice actually checking them you'll remember much better at the test.)
- How do you know if a horse is choking?
- Why do people use bell boots?
- Why would someone use open front boots instead of full coverage boots?
- What damage do strongyles do?
- What is proud flesh?
- Which immunizations does your horse get and when?

- What are the brand names and drug names of the dewormers you use?
- What products do you use to clean a wound?
- How many teeth does a horse have?
- What does Coggins test for?
- What are 3 skin diseases and how are they prevented?
- What is the difference between shoe pullers and hoof trimmers?
- How long should you longe a horse?
- What should you do if your horse starts running and bucking on the longe?
- What are the most important things to check for when performing a safety check?
- What are some things you can do to help a D learn more and not be nervous at a safety check?
- What are some unmounted lessons that you would like to teach?
- Which conformation faults could you live with and why?
- Which conformation faults do you definitely not want in a horse and why?
- Have you had a horse colic? How did you know? How will you help prevent it in the future?
- What does low ringbone look like from the outside? What causes it?
- Locate exactly where curb is on a horse. What causes it?
- Where is bone spavin in relation to bog spavin?
- What kind of foot care is important for your horse?

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