



# Horsemanship

## Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).

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Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Do the following:

a. Describe the safety precautions you should take when handling and caring for a horse. \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Explain and *demonstrate* how to approach and lead a horse safely from a stall, corral, or field and how to tie the horse securely.

c. *Demonstrate* how to safely mount and ride a horse and how to safely dismount the horse after your ride.

2. Name 15 main parts of a horse.

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3. Name four leading breeds of horses. Explain the special features for which each breed is known.

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4. *Show* how to care for a Western and English saddle and bridle.

Name 10 parts of the saddle and bridle that you will use.

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5. *Show* how to groom, pick out hooves, prepare a horse for a ride, and care for a horse after a ride.

6. Describe the symptoms of colic. \_\_\_\_\_

Describe four other horse diseases.

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7. Name three main conformation faults of the feet and legs, and explain how to detect them.

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Explain the difference between lameness and unsoundness. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Explain how to trim and shoe a horse's foot and how to make adjustments according to its conformation, the season of the year, and the riding conditions. \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Demonstrate the correct way to feed a horse. Explain how you determined what and how much to feed the horse \_\_\_\_\_

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and why the amount and kind of feed will be changed according to activity level and the kind of horse it is. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Show how to properly saddle and bridle a horse. \_\_\_\_\_

11. On level ground, continuously do the following movements. Do them correctly, at ease, and in harmony with the horse.
- a. Mount the horse.
  - b. Walk the horse in a straight line for 60 feet.
  - c. Make a half-circle of not more than 16 feet in radius.
  - d. Trot or jog in a straight line for at least 60 feet.
  - e. Make a half-circle of not more than 30 feet in radius at a jog or trot.
  - f. Halt straight.
  - g. Back up straight four paces.
  - h. Halt and dismount.

**Online Resources** (Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)

**Merit Badge Workbooks:** [usscouts.org](http://usscouts.org) -or- [meritbadge.org](http://meritbadge.org)      ► **Merit Badge Books:** [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)

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Horse Illustrated: <http://www.animalnetwork.com/horse>      Horse & Rider: <http://www.horseandrider.com>

<http://www.horsenews.com>      The United States Pony Clubs: <http://www.ponyclub.org>

National Reining Horse Association: <http://www.nrha.com>      United States Dressage Federation: <http://www.usdf.org>

United States Equestrian Team: <http://www.uset.com>      USA Equestrian: <http://www.equestrian.org>