

# Placer County 4-H Horse Mastership Level V Skills Test

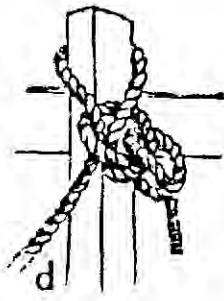
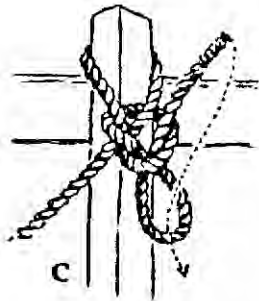
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4-H CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

		Possible Points	Your Points
Section I	Knots	6	
Section II	Blanket & Shipping Boots	28	
Section III	Unblanket & Remove Shipping Boots	20	
Section IV	Clipping	12	
Section V	First Aid Supplies	40	
Section VI	Medical Care	40	
Section VII	Leg Wrap Application	22	
Section VIII	Lounging	30	
Section IX	Saddling	18	
Section X	Bridling	12	
Section XI	Adjusting Stirrups	12	
Section XII	Riding	180	
Section XIII	Unsaddle & Unbridle	22	
<b>TOTAL POINTS SKILLS TEST</b>		<b>442</b>	

PERCENT: \_\_\_\_\_ PASS? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

# KNOTS



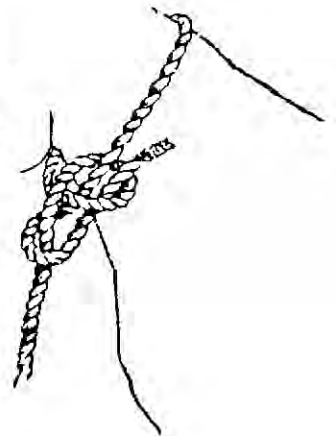
## Knot with Release Loop

Level I	(	)
Level II	(	)
Level III	(	)
Level IV	(	)
Level V	(	)
Level VI	(	)

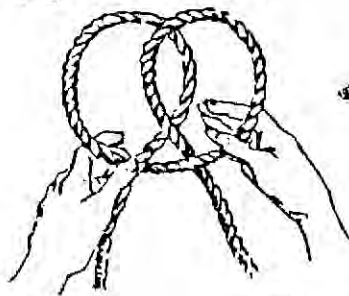
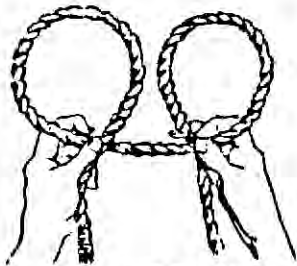
## Knot With Release Loop

### Bowline

Level III	(	)
Level IV	(	)
Level V	(	)



### Bowline



### Clove Hitch

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Level IV	(	)
Level V	(	)

6 points possible \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II:****BLANKET & SHIPPING BOOTS****POINTS  
POSSIBLE**      **POINTS  
SCORED****A. BLANKET**

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|--|---|-------|
| 1. Blanket should be folded in half, inside out.   | 2 | _____ |
| 2. Place blanket on horse's withers gently with straps on the right side.  | 2 | _____ |
| 3. Buckle the front closure.   | 2 | _____ |
| 4. Unfold the blanket toward the horse's hindquarters. Pull the blanket as far as it will go to smooth the hair.   | 2 | _____ |
| 5. Hooked all straps working from the front of the horse to the back.  | 4 | _____ |
| 6. Describe how to use two out of the following three blanket types. The two blanket types described must be different from the one used in the skills test.<br>a) New Zealand type blanket<br>b) Straight belly strap blanket<br>c) Criss-cross belly strap blanket | 4 | _____ |

**B. SHIPPING BOOTS**

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|---|---|-------|
| 1. Placed shipping boot on horse's leg slightly above where it should be located. | 2 | _____ |
| 2. Straps or closures should be located on the outside of the leg.                | 2 | _____ |
| 3. Close shipping boots working from top to bottom                                | 2 | _____ |
| 4. Gently slide the boots into place.   | 2 | _____ |
| 5. Worked from the front legs to the back.  | 2 | _____ |
| 6. Started with the left side of the horse.                                       | 2 | _____ |

**JUDGES COMMENTS:**

**SECTION III:****UNBLANKET & REMOVE SHIPPING BOOTS****POINTS  
POSSIBLE**      **POINTS  
SCORED****A. UNBLANKET**

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|----|---|---|-------|
| 1. | Unhooked all straps working from the back of the horse toward the front.  | 4 | _____ |
| 2. | Unbuckled the front closure. Remembered to close the buckle so it didn't get lost when the blanket was removed. | 2 | _____ |
| 3. | Folded the front end of the blanket towards the horse's hindquarters.   | 2 | _____ |
| 4. | Slid the folded blanket towards the horse's hindquarters with the lay of the hair.                              | 2 | _____ |
| 5. | Hung folded blanket over fence or fender to let it air out.   | 2 | _____ |

**B. REMOVE SHIPPING BOOTS**

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|----|---|---|-------|
| 1. | Open shipping boots working from the bottom up to the top.            | 2 | _____ |
| 2. | Gently remove the boots and smooth down the hair on the horse's legs. | 2 | _____ |
| 3. | Worked from the front legs to the back.                               | 2 | _____ |
| 4. | Started with the left side of the horse.                              | 2 | _____ |

**JUDGES COMMENTS:**

**SECTION IV:**

**CLIPPING**

For the test, the member should demonstrate how to clip the horse safely with the clipper motor turned off.

		<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS SCORED</b>
<b>Horse should be untied for clipping the face and head.</b>			
1.	Bridle path: Start at poll and clip to end of bridle path against the hair.	2	_____
2.	Whiskers around muzzle and eyes: Hold horse's eye closed before clipping long hairs.	2	_____
3.	Ears: Clip both inside and outside.	2	_____
4.	Long hair under jaw: Remove halter and place around horse's neck.	2	_____
5.	Legs: Remember to blend hair as you clip the cornet band, and the back of the leg from the cornet band up to the base of the knee.	2	_____
6.	Clipped legs in a safe manner: Did not sit down or kneel.	2	_____

**JUDGES COMMENTS:**

**SECTION V:****FIRST AID SUPPLIES**

Member should be able to explain what each item is used for.  
(Equipment does **not** have to be new)

**POINTS  
POSSIBLE**      **POINTS  
SCORED**

1. Box, tote, or bag to carry supplies in.	2	_____
2. Flash light.	2	_____
3. Wire cutters.	2	_____
4. Pocket knife.	2	_____
5. Scissors, straight or bandage.	2	_____
6. Thermometer.	2	_____
7. Skin cleanser ( <i>Betadine, peroxide, phisohex, etc.</i> ).	2	_____
8. Stretch gauze wrap ( <i>roll</i> ).	2	_____
9. Sterile gauze pads ( <i>4" x 4" minimum size</i> )	2	_____
10. Elastic wraps ( <i>Vet wrap, polo wraps, track bandages, etc.</i> ).	2	_____
11. Tape.	2	_____
12. Antibacterial ointment ( <i>Furacin, etc.</i> ).	2	_____
13. Lanolin based veterinary cream ( <i>Corona, Alow-heal, etc.</i> ).	2	_____
14. Coagulant powder ( <i>Wonder dust, Quik-clot, etc.</i> ).	2	_____
15. Thrush medicine ( <i>Thrush-X, Koppertox, etc.</i> ).	2	_____
16. Non-sterile sheet cotton or anything that absorbs and cushions ( <i>towels, leg wraps, etc.</i> ).	2	_____
17. Soap to wash your hands.	2	_____
18. Towel.	2	_____
19. Fly spray	2	_____
20. The telephone number of your vet.	2	_____

**JUDGES COMMENTS:**

**SECTION VI:****MEDICAL CARE**

	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS SCORED</b>
<b>A. <u>RESPIRATION</u></b>		
1. Explain how to take the horse's respiration. Know that respiration should be taken from the left flank and why.	2	_____
2. Know your own horse's "normal" respiration rate.	2	_____
<b>B. <u>PULSE</u></b>		
1. Explain how to take the horse's pulse.	2	_____
2. Know your own horse's "normal" pulse rate.	2	_____
<b>C. <u>TEMPERATURE</u></b>		
1. Thermometer has safety string and clip.	2	_____
2. Know your own horse's "normal" temperature.	2	_____
3. Take the horse's temperature in a <u>safe</u> manner (remember to grease the thermometer).	2	_____
<b>D. <u>EMERGENCY CARE</u></b>		
1. Be able to explain three different emergency situations where you would have to call the veterinarian immediately to treat your horse.	6	_____
2. Be able to explain what you would do after you called the vet to help your horse feel better until the vet arrives for the above situations.	6	_____

**JUDGES COMMENTS:**

**SECTION VI:****MEDICAL CARE (continued)**

<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS SCORED</b>
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**E. DEWORMING**

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|----|---|---|-------|
| 1. | Explain how to use the paste wormer to deworm the horse.  | 2 | _____ |
| 2. | Know your own horse's weight & the correct dosage to administer..   | 2 | _____ |
| 3. | Know how often the horse should be wormed during the year.  | 2 | _____ |
| 4. | Remembered to dial the plastic ring to select the proper dosage <u>before</u> administering the paste.  | 2 | _____ |
| 5. | Stood on the left side of the horse. Used the left hand on the soft part of the muzzle above the nostrils and placed the thumb on the inside of the lip to pull the lip up.   | 2 | _____ |
| 6. | Administered the paste wormer (an empty tube will be supplied for demonstration purposes) in a safe manner. Use the right hand to slide the barrel of the syringe into the uppermost corner of his mouth through the interdental space between the front and back teeth. The syringe should penetrate at least two inches into the mouth. | 2 | _____ |
| 7. | Emptied the syringe's contents on the far back part of the tongue. Elevated the horse's head to keep the medication from oozing out of the corners of his mouth. Stroked the cleft of the horse's jaw with the right hand to encourage him to swallow.  | 2 | _____ |

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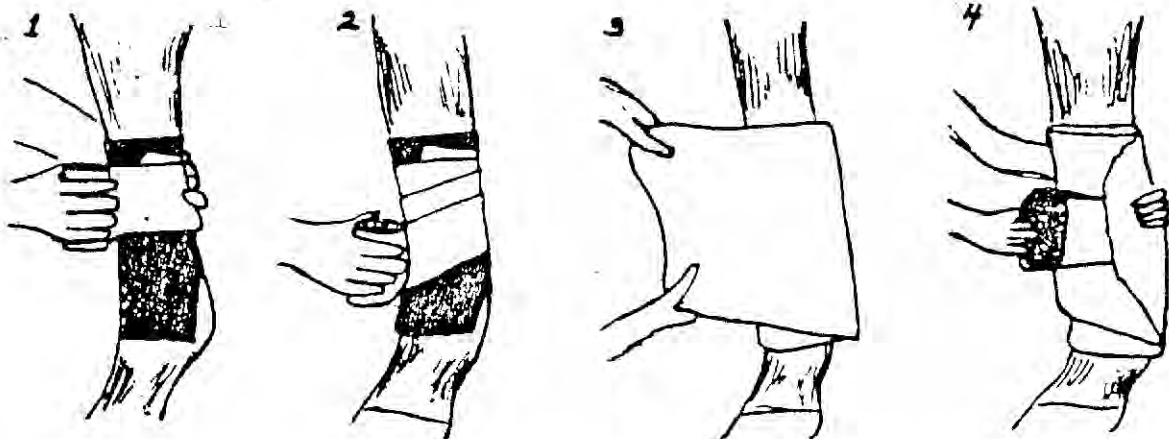


**SECTION VII:**

**LEG WRAP APPLICATION**

	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS SCORED</b>
1. Wash hands and inspect wound.	2	_____
2. Apply medication to sterile pad.	2	_____
3. Apply medicated pad & stretch gauze at the same time, bringing gauze roll from inside out, unrolling away from leg (figure 1)	2	_____
4. Progressive turns of the gauze wrap spiraling downward (figure 2)	2	_____
5. Well below the wound, turn and spiral upward	2	_____
6. Finish gauze wrap well above the wound.	2	_____
7. Apply padding carefully and smoothly (figure 3)	2	_____
8. Start vet wrap (self adherent stretch bandage) from beneath the end of the padding and securing the end with a second wrap around the leg (figure 4)	2	_____
9. Successive turns of final wrap spiraling downward.	2	_____
10. All the way up and back to center, unrolling final turn without tension.	2	_____
11. Pressing final wrap so that it adheres to itself, and check tightness.	2	_____

**JUDGES COMMENTS:**



**SECTION VIII:****LOUNGING**

	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS SCORED</b>
1. Halter adjusted satisfactorily.	2	_____
2. Horse safely "rigged" to longe line (chain is optional).	2	_____
3. Position from hip slightly behind horse on the:		
WALK	2	_____
JOG (TROT)	2	_____
LOPE (CANTER)	2	_____
4. Stepped forward to signal stop.	2	_____
5. Stopped horse and walked to him/her.	2	_____
6. Changed longe line before reversing.	2	_____
7. Walked into position and started horse into walk.	2	_____
8. Worked without excess strain on the longe line. Should not pull on horse, should use line to cue horse.	2	_____
9. Hold whip down and to your side at the walk. *	2	_____
10. Hold the whip down and to your side at the jog. *	2	_____
11. Hold whip up and to your front, just behind the horse at the lope. *	2	_____
12. Did not use the whip unnecessarily.	2	_____
13. Used voice commands.	2	_____

\* NOTE: Whip is optional. Credit will be given if these steps are explained.

**JUDGES COMMENTS:**

## SECTION IX:

## SADDLING

	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS SCORED
<b>Bring your own equipment</b>		
1. Check saddle pad carefully for cleanliness and burrs. Place saddle pad up on the horse's back, several inches forward, then pull it towards the rear. <i>(English riders can place both saddle and pad on the horse at the same time if the pad is the type that attaches to the saddle).</i>	2	_____
2. Check saddle for signs of wear or disrepair. Check fleece for burrs.	2	_____
3. Place the right stirrup, etc., over the seat of the saddle. If the stirrups are short, it is better to loop the right stirrup over the saddle horn so it won't swing free and hit the horse. Place saddle evenly and gently on pad. Recheck position of pad. <i>(English riders should remember to leave the irons tied up during saddling.)</i>	2	_____
4. Walk around the off side of the horse, pull the stirrup down <i>(English riders leave irons tied up)</i> , and the cinches, and see that nothing is twisted. Be careful not to allow cinch ring to strike the horse's knee.	2	_____
5. The saddle should be just slightly forward of where you want it, so grasp the horn and pommel and shake it back into position. Next make an "air pocket" between the pad and the withers.	2	_____
6. Adjust front and back cinches to fit individual horse.	2	_____
7. Put the left stirrup up, over the horn or the saddle seat <i>(English riders lift left flap)</i> and reach under the belly with the left hand for the cinch using whatever method you normally use.	2	_____
8. Remember to cinch up in two or three stages. Tighten the cinch just enough so the saddle won't slip, walk the horse about a dozen steps, then tighten the cinch again.	2	_____
9. Fasten the rear cinch last and check to make sure it is neither too loose nor too tight. <i>(Since English riders do not have a back cinch, they should check to make sure that the irons are still tied securely.)</i>	2	_____

## JUDGES COMMENTS:

**SECTION X:****BRIDLING**

	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS SCORED</b>
1. Check headstall, chinstrap, ( <i>cavesson</i> ) and rein leather for damage.	2	_____
2. Untie horse, remove halter and place around horse's neck for restraint.	2	_____
3. Stand beside horse and keep head and body clear of horse.	2	_____
4. Do not allow reins to touch the ground (hold them in your hand or place the reins over your right shoulder or over the left side of the horse's neck near its head).	2	_____
5. Check to make sure that the bridle is not too small for the horse. Bridle horse gently respecting its mouth.	2	_____
6. Adjust the headstall length and curbstrap ( <i>English: cavesson</i> ) to fit individual horse. Explain how to check bridle for proper adjustment. Buckle throat latch ( <i>cavesson</i> ) and place end in keeper.	2	_____

**JUDGES COMMENTS:**

**SECTION XI:****ADJUSTING STIRRUPS**

	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS SCORED</b>
1. Explained procedure and mounted horse.	2	
2. Stood up in stirrups to determine if stirrups need to be raised or lowered. Member should be able to tell approximately how much the stirrups need to be adjusted.	2	
3. Dismounted and adjusted stirrups ( <i>English: adjust while mounted</i> ).	2	
4. Remounted to determine if stirrups need further adjustments.	2	
5. Remembered to replace stirrup leathers. ( <i>English: put extra leathers in keepers</i> ).	2	
6. Judge should determine if adjustment is correct.	2	

**JUDGES COMMENTS:**

## SECTION XII:

## RIDING

## TO BE JUDGED ON CONTROL OF HORSE, GOOD HANDS, GOOD SEAT, AND SENSITIVITY TOWARD HORSE

	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS SCORED
1. Enter arena at a walk.	10	
2. Jog ( <i>Trot</i> ).	10	
3. Extended jog ( <i>Extended trot</i> ).	10	
4. Slow to walk.	10	
5. Lope ( <i>Canter</i> ).	10	
6. Extend the lope ( <i>Hand gallop</i> ).	10	
7. Collect the lope ( <i>Collect the canter</i> ).	10	
8. Reverse at the lope ( <i>canter</i> ).	10	
9. Simple lead change.	10	
10. Extend the lope ( <i>canter</i> ).	10	
11. Stop. Give the horse his head and wait for the judge to tell you to continue.	10	
12. Jog ( <i>Trot</i> )	10	
13. Extend the jog ( <i>trot</i> ).	10	
14. Collect the jog ( <i>trot</i> ).	10	
15. Stop.	10	
16. Back up.	10	
17. Open gate, walk through. Close gate, keep on hand on gate at all times.	10	
18. Straight sidepass over pole (direction optional).	10	

## JUDGES COMMENTS:

## SECTION XIII:

## UNSADDLING &amp; UNBRIDLING

		POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS SCORED
<b>A. <u>UNBRIDLING</u></b>			
1.	Buckle halter around horse's neck.	2	
2.	Do not allow reins to touch ground. Hold lead rope and reins in right hand, or place over your right shoulder or over the left side of the horse's neck near its head.	2	
3.	Keep your head clear from the horse.	2	
4.	Unbuckle the throat latch ( <i>English riders unbuckle the cavesson also</i> ), remove the bridle gently with respect to the horse's mouth.	2	
5.	Place the halter on the horse's head and tie the horse up using a quick release knot.	2	
<b>B. <u>UNSADDLING</u></b>			
	A helper may be used if the member cannot saddle the horse alone. If there is no one else available, the judge may be asked for assistance at no penalty.		
1.	Unbuckle the back cinch first ( <i>English riders checked to make sure irons are securely tied</i> ).	2	
2.	Uncinch the front cinch. Let the cinches down carefully, not hitting the horse.	2	
3.	Put the right stirrup and cinches up, over the horn or the saddle seat.	2	
4.	When taking the saddle off, lift it above the horse's withers, and then off his back. Do not drag it over the withers which can irritate the horse.	2	
5.	Remove the saddle pad separately. ( <i>English riders who have a pad that attaches to the saddle can remove saddle and pad together.</i> )	2	
6.	Place blanket inside out on top of the saddle to dry and air out. ( <i>English riders flip attached pads over the saddle seat.</i> )	2	

## JUDGES COMMENTS: