

SOUTH AFRICAN PONY CLUB



Handling & Grooming Achievement Badge

WORKBOOK

Objectives: To be able to run up a pony in hand, and to tie it up safely. To be able to identify and use grooming utensils correctly.

Key points:

- Run a pony up, in hand
- Tie up a pony safely
- Identify grooming kit: eg body brush, curry comb, water brush, mane comb, hoof pick, hoof oil and brush etc

Additional reading: Pony Club Manual No 1: Pg 36 - 38, 145 – 148

The Manual of Horsemanship: Pg 118 – 126, 199 – 210

The additional reading contains more information than is required for the badge, but it provides good background knowledge.

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BRANCH _____

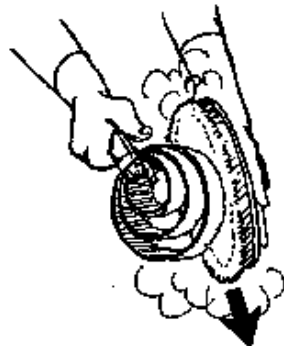
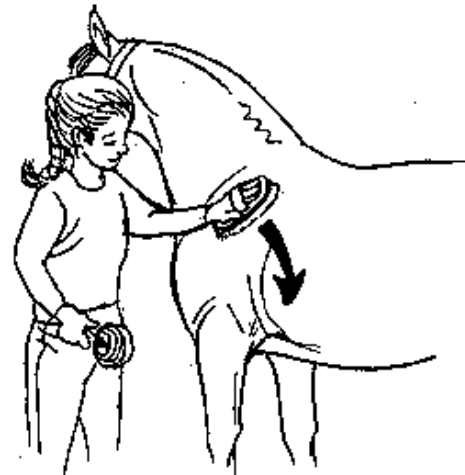
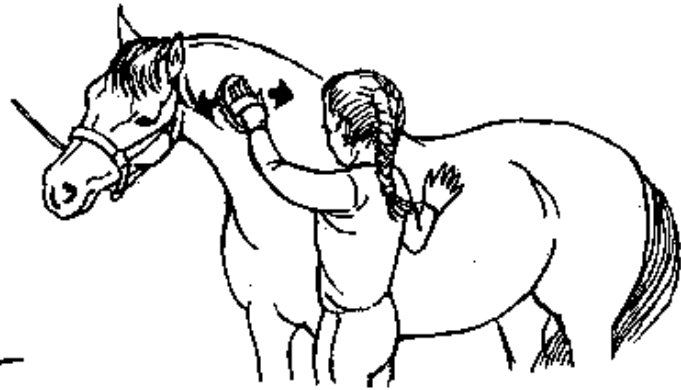
Why do we need to groom?

There are 5 basic reasons to groom your horse or pony every day.

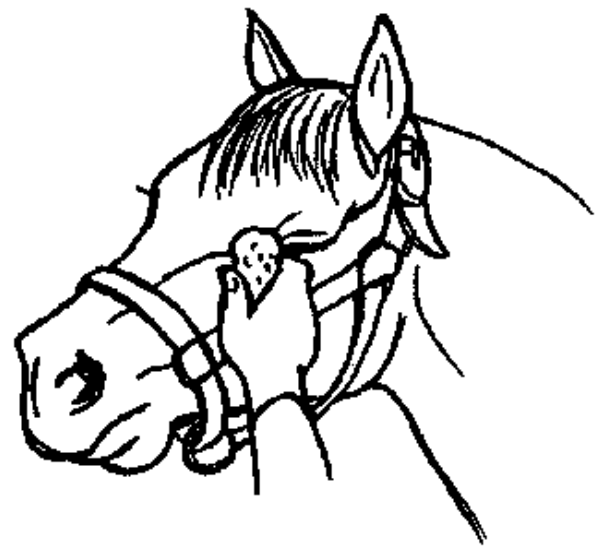
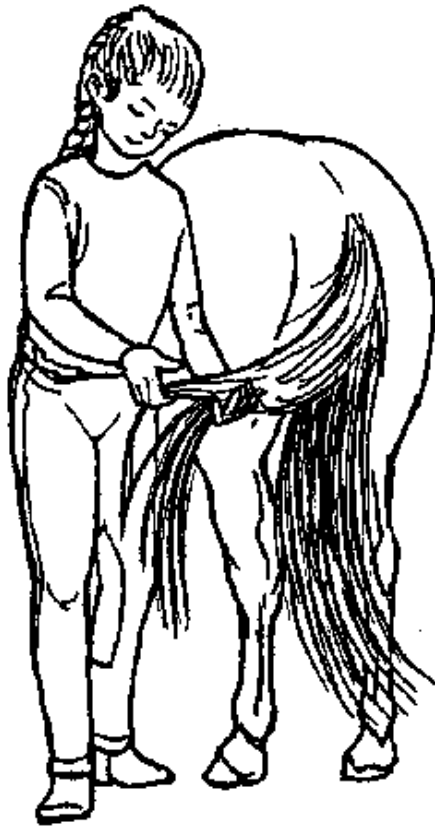
- 🌐 to prevent disease
- 🌐 to promote health
- 🌐 to ensure cleanliness
- 🌐 to improve appearance
- 🌐 to maintain condition

Use your grooming time to get to know your horse really well. You can spot nicks and cuts before they get serious. You can locate heat or pain or swelling as you run your hands over your horse





My pony rests while I brush him. He should be tied up for grooming. I use a curry comb, a dandy brush, and a body brush. I clean my brushes on my curry comb.



When grooming my pony's tail, I stand to one side and carefully separate the strands of hair. I gently clean around his eyes with a sponge.

Leading my pony

A person should never lead a pony just by its halter. This can be dangerous and might result in injuries to you or a loose pony. A lead rope should always be attached to the halter for leading and tying.

When leading a pony, it is important to walk beside the pony so that he can't step on you. Usually we lead a pony from the left side.

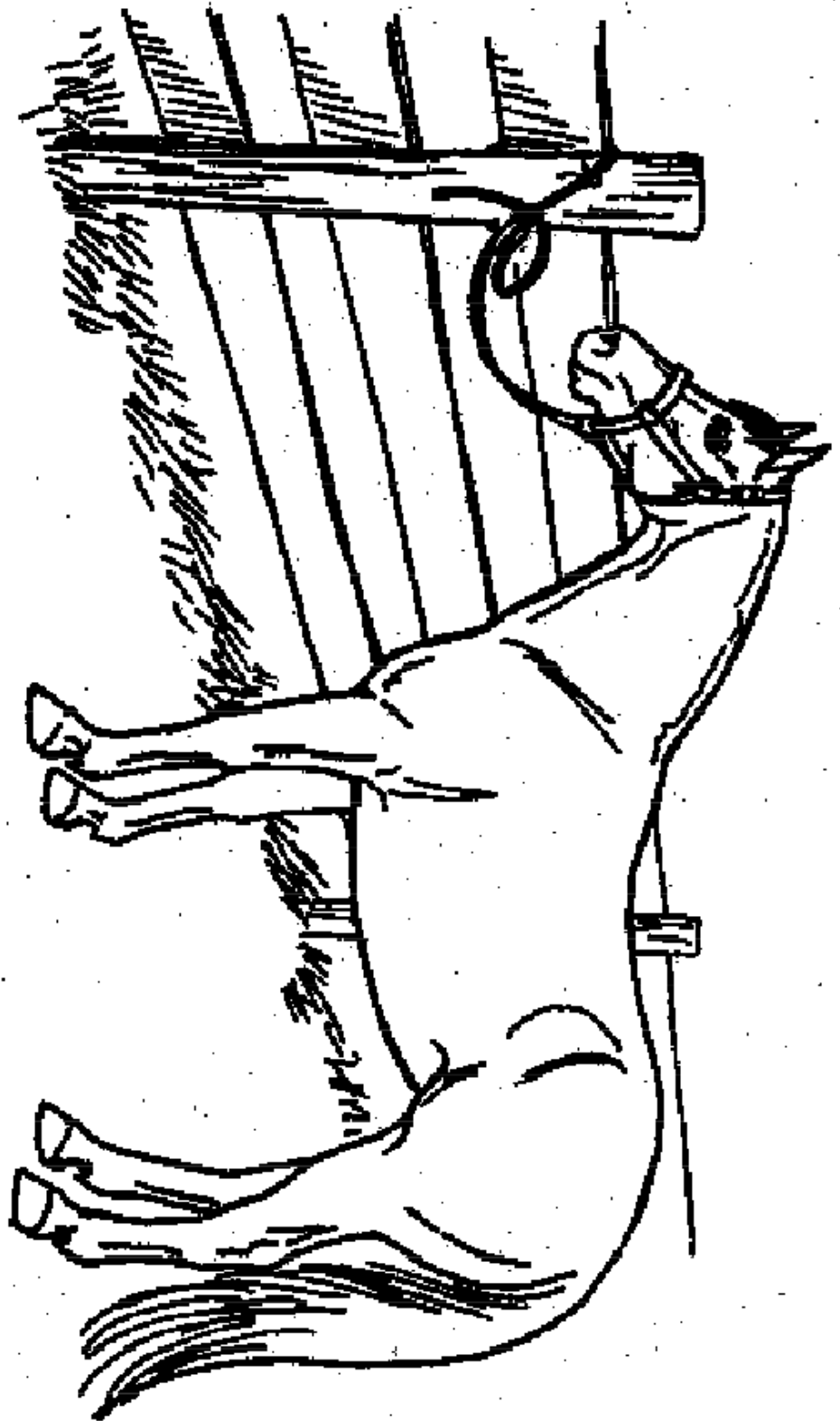
Your right hand should hold the rope about 25 cm below the halter. The extra rope should be held in your left hand, making sure that the rope doesn't drag on the ground.



The extra rope must never be coiled around your hand.

Your instructor will show you how to hold the rope correctly and how to lead your pony safely. Practice often.

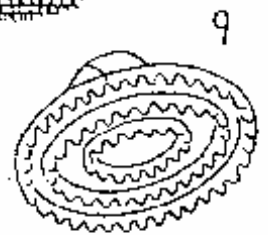
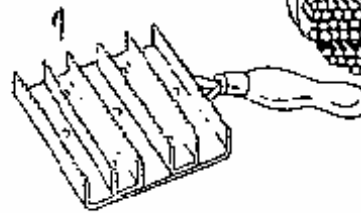
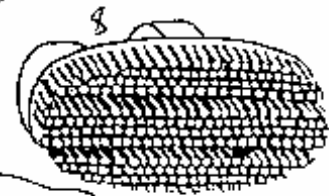
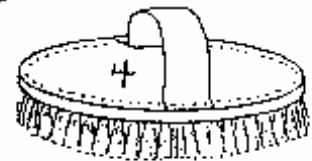
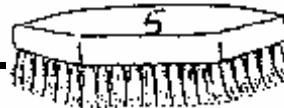
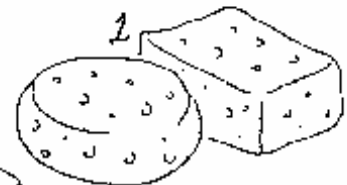
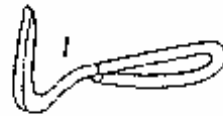
When tying a pony, we always use a **quick release knot**. This is a special kind of knot which allows us to release the pony quickly if he should get into trouble. Your instructor will show you how to tie this special knot. You must practice it until you can tie it quickly and easily.



I always tie my pony to something solid to avoid accidents.

Name these parts of the grooming kit

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____





Give one purpose for each of the grooming tools.

Hoof Pick _____

Dandy Brush _____

Body Brush _____

Curry Comb _____

List 3 reasons to groom.
