

SOUTH AFRICAN PONY CLUB



Mucking Out Mini Achievement Badge

WORKBOOK



Key points:

- To recognize and use manure scoops/skips/rubber gloves/yard brushes/wheelbarrows
- To be able to skip out a stable safely when a pony is tied up
- Assist with sweeping the stable yard and correct storage of tools
- Assist with picking up droppings from paddocks as part of a grassland management regime

Name

Branch

Why do we muck out stables?

- To clean up droppings and wet areas
- To prevent the spread or possibility of worms
- To make it neat and clean and comfortable for the horse
- To make sure our horses have access to clean water and food

What tools do we need?

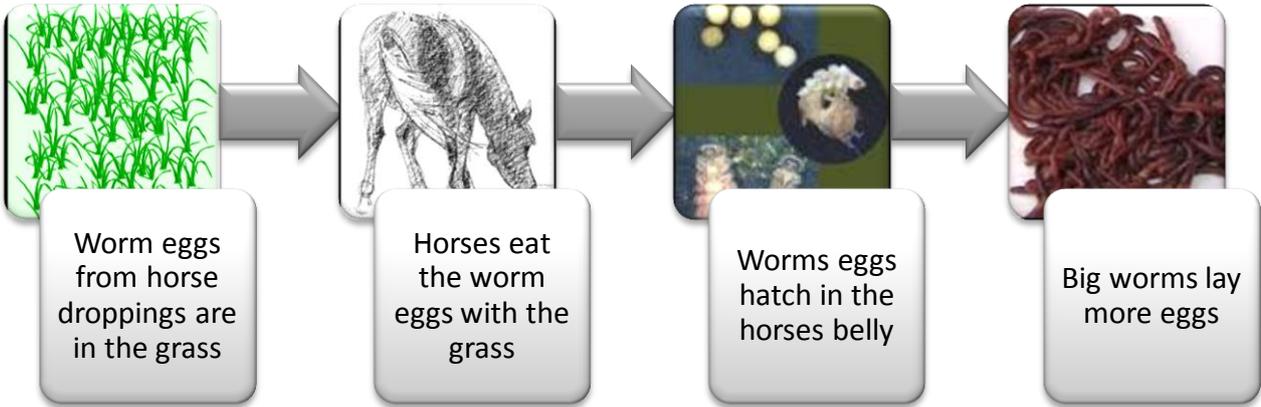
		
Manure scoop	Manure fork & skip	Yard brush/broom
		
Rubber gloves	Wheelbarrow	Empty feed sack

How do we do it?

1. Most South African horses and ponies are let out into the paddock for a part of the day. But if they are in the stable when you clean, it would be best to first tie the horse up, using a quick release knot.
2. Remove the water bucket, feed bucket and teff net from the stable. Put on our gloves, and then pick up all the droppings using a manure scoop, fork and skip or spade. Put the droppings and damp bedding into a wheelbarrow or sack to get rid of it. The manure heap should not be too close to the stables, otherwise there will be lots of flies.
3. With a spade, put all the sawdust in a corner. (This is a great way to get all the stray droppings as they will fall to the bottom of the pile)
4. Use the yard broom to sweep the bare floor and allow the floor to dry
5. Put all the bedding back in place once the floor is dry
6. Clean the water bucket and fill it
7. Clean the tools and put them away



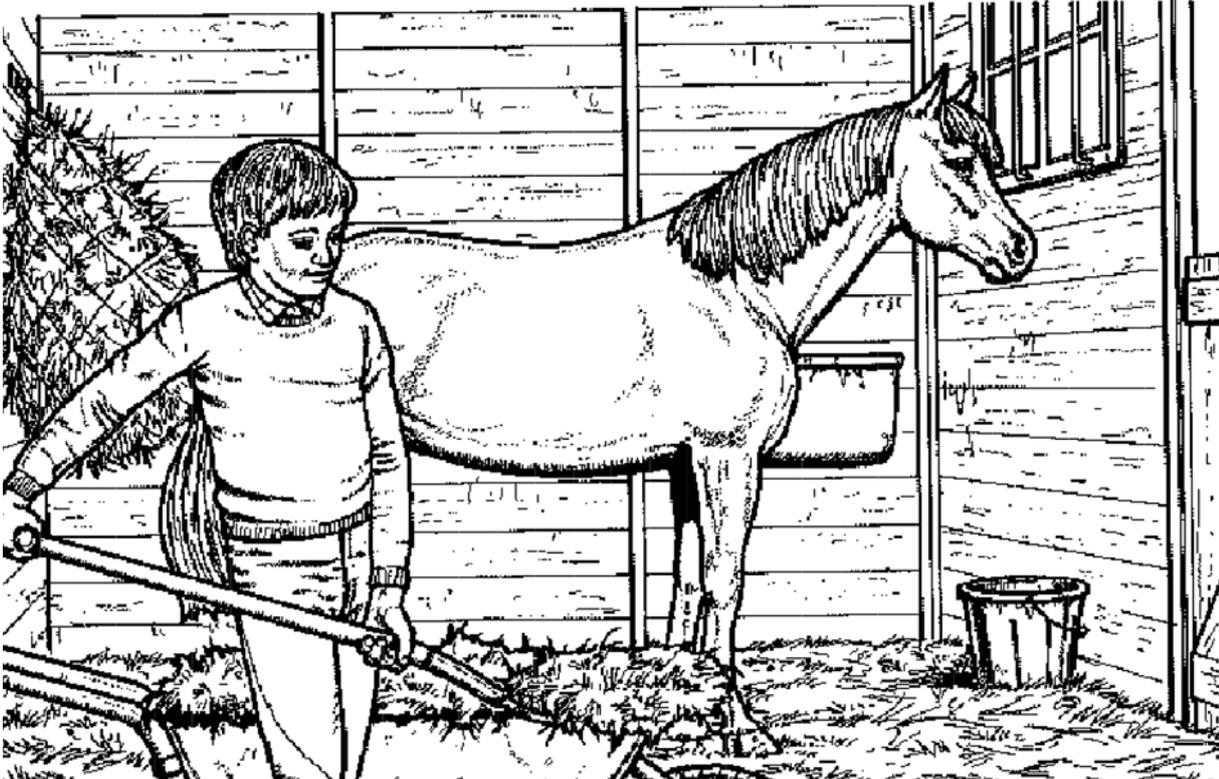
Why do we need to pick up droppings in paddocks?



Can you name these mucking out tools?



Can you circle 3 things that this member has forgotten to do before mucking out the stable?



What are the Pony Clubbers in this photo doing?