

# Why Have a JTP?

The USPC is all about creating horsemen. True horsemen take joy and pride in properly caring for their mounts, and teaching others to do the same. The USPC Horse Management Program oversees the accomplishment of this aim.

Too often, pony clubbers and parents, when asked “What is HM?”, reply that it is “something you do at rallies.” They are missing the picture that Horse Management is what you do with your horse every day, whether you ride or not.

In order to change this perception, and produce true horsemen, we need caring individuals to teach and model effective horse management practices. HM is best taught at the club level, with teachers establishing relationships with their students. Each region must have a cadre of these teachers and role models who will come together as a complete unit, the HM Team.

Building such a team requires careful planning and dedication. By implementing a Judge Training Program (JTP) in your region, you will have the tools to recruit and train individuals for the HM Team.

There are potential teachers in every club, both among the parents, and the pony clubbers themselves. Most of the time, these potential teachers don't come forward to teach because they feel like they don't know enough, or they simply lack the confidence.

By participating in the JTP, and becoming part of the HM Team, they gain knowledge along with the realization that they *can* teach something of value to their club. The HM Team, once unified and trained via the JTP, may be turned around and given back to the clubs as a resource for dismounted instructors. This network will communicate new practices in horse management, keeping the whole region in line with National standards.

But, the JTP is much more than a tool to staff rallies and educate pony club members. It is a means of awakening leadership in our adults, to reach our kids on a deeper level – inspiring them to not only become better horsemen, but better citizens, and better future leaders. The JTP is an opportunity to positively affect the future.

## The JTP Will Help You To...

- Recruit & train staff for rallies
- Fire up those already in the program
- Communicate information from National
- Encourage JTPers to teach HM basics or specialties at local clubs
- Create a feeling of unity among the HM Team members
- Be inviting to all parents and other interested adults...no matter what their level of horsemanship skills