

D1-D2 Unmounted Lesson Plan

Haynets

Purpose: To familiarize the participants with filling and tying hay nets

Equipment: three or 4 nice cotton hay nets, a bale of hay and a very patient pony, a bag of small individually wrapped candies of several varieties, avoid gum.

Ages from 6-9

Group size 6-8

Give each two participants a hay bag, then open your hay bag wide and fill it with 3 sections of hay and close it with the drawstrings, allow the group divided into two-member teams to attempt this.

Now that they are covered with hay, you may proceed to show them how to tie your hay bag up so that when the hay bag is empty it hangs no lower than the pony's knees. Allow them to tie up the hay bags on a fence or stall giving them a height of the pony's knees

Next have the teams race to fill and tie up the hay bags to a trailer and tell you one reason why they tied up a hay bag the way that they did. Ans: so that the hay bag couldn't get tangled in the pony's legs, or over his head, we use cotton because it will break more easily if the pony gets into a bad situation (name some) etc Reward good answers.

The team that wins gets the first choice of candy, the second, the second choice.

Praise for a job well done

Reference: D Manual; pg 179

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