

D1-D2 Unmounted Lesson Plan

How to Groom a Pony

Purpose: To teach the participants the correct procedure to groom their ponies.

Equipment; Two or three very dirty, very patient ponies, a grooming box for each with the correct PC items in it, no more. A bag of small individually wrapped candies of several varieties, avoid gum.

Ages from 6-9

Group size 4-6

Divide the groups into teams of 2-3

Show them each piece of equipment in the grooming box and talk about its use, demonstrating which way to brush the hair, mane and tail and in which order to use them. Discuss why we groom ponies, ie to keep the saddlery from chaffing, enhance the health of coat, check for injuries, skin problems or ticks, promote good circulation, (and the ponies like it) etc

Divide them into teams of 2-3, assigning each team a properly tied dirty pony, have them curry the pony correctly (with your supervision.) Have them to use everything in the box including the face and dock sponges. The team that gets their pony the cleanest wins (or makes it the most beautiful.) And ask them why we groom our ponies while they are grooming, see answers above....or page 168

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

Lots of praise for correct grooming procedures while they are working.

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