



Recommended Professional

Ground Skills Video Assessment

For Instructor and Trainer Applicants

Applicant Name _____

Account Number _____ **Date Assessed** _____

Assessors _____

Evaluation Scheme	
0	Not Demonstrated
1-2	Insufficient
3-4	Needs Improvement
5	Approaching Success
6	Satisfactory
7-8	Very Good
9-10	Excellent

Attributes of the Human

- Use of tools is rare, clear, and fair
- Clear focus
- Movements are small and precise.

Attributes of the Horse

- Relaxed and responsive
- Positive expression
- Coordinated and beginning to show flexion and engagement.

#	Movement	Directives	Score	Comments
1	Turn on the hindquarters using ENERGY for a whole circle, both directions	Rhythm, horse pivots on a hind foot, loose rope		
2	Turn on the forequarters using FEEL for a whole circle both directions	Rhythm, responsiveness, proper position, loose rope		
3	Back your horse up 6', Send your horse in a circle at Walk.	Relaxation, and willing transitions		
4	Transition to trot, trot 1-2 circles	Maintains trot with little encouragement		
5	Transition to canter, Canter 1-2 circles	Willing transition, maintains w/o encouragement		
6	Change direction with a simple or flying change	Maintains flow, horse not crowding		
7	Canter 1-2 circles	Maintains canter easily		
8	Transition to Trot, trot 1-2 circles	Trots without		

	a circle,	resistance, relaxed walk.		
#	Movement		Score	Comments
9	Transition to walk, walk one circle	Shows relaxed 4 beat walk		
10	Trot a 4 or 6 cone weave (in a circle, arc, or line); change of direction at both ends, Recall	Uses most of 20', horse guided with light phases		
11	Using most of a 20' rope, sidepass away and towards 20' without a fence',	Straightness, low phases with rope and stick		
12	Repeat opposite direction.			
13	Jump 2', both ways, Recall.	Send is clear, horse clears the jump		
14	Back up to 20' away, wait 5 seconds; recall at trot or canter	Straightness, slack rope		
15	Send horse to place 4 feet on or in an obstacle (i.e. tarp, pedestal, tire, bridge)	Sends from 20'		
16	Show confidence with objects (plastic bag, tarp, or other object)	Horse looks relaxed, breathing, soft eyes		
17	Demonstrate your horse enjoying a great scratching session	Horse looks engaged and pleased.		
18	Trailer load (or trailer simulation) from 20' away, relax 10 seconds	Horse waits patiently, loads without hesitation		
19	Back up from the tail out of the trailer, 10 steps	Rope may be used, tail not clamped		

Final Score (65% is passing) _____

<p>General Comments</p>
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- In order to pass, all scores must be at least a 6.

- Scoring below a 6 on one movement will require a resubmit of the movement. This must be completed within 3 months to be valid.
- Scoring below a 6 on multiple movements will require a resubmit of the entire assessment. Up to two resubmits are allowed without additional fees.
- Please note that videos should not be longer than 10 minutes.