

Our Pony Party Package Follow our 4 step package

1

Print invitations – See instructions in the members area
<https://www.abrs-info.org/resource/pony-parties/>



2

Print your chosen worksheets – various age appropriate options available in the member area



3

Print certificates of attendance – See instructions in the members area



Add a promo code here to encourage party goers to become 'My First Timers'

4

Option to order party rosettes from the office call 01403 741188



My First Time

Use this range of Rosettes to gently introduce new young customers

Meeting a Pony



Leading a Pony



Brushing a Pony



Sitting on a Pony



Without a Leader



Stage 1: Safety & Basic Awareness (Beginner)

Health & Safety



Fire procedures, yard rules, accident protocol. Nothing comes before this.

Points of the Horse



Basic anatomy vocabulary.

Grooming



Identifying grooming kit, purpose of grooming, observation skills.

Mucking Out



Stable hygiene and routine care.

Stage 2: Safe Handling & Control

Catch a Pony



Field approach and safe headcollar handling.

Turn Out a Pony



Controlled release gateway safety.

Washing Tails



Controlled handling in a confined situation (assisted).

Stage 3: Equipment Knowledge & Application

Saddlery



Parts of bridle & saddle.

Rugs



Types, purpose, fitting safely.

Boots



Types, reasons, safe fitting.

Plaiting a Mane



Fine motor skill & presentation

Stage 4: Observation & Welfare Understanding

Native Breeds



Breed characteristics & origins.

Feeding



Rules of feeding, types of feed, main yard feed.

Healthy vs Unwell Pony



Signs of health, signs of illness, common ailments.

Poisonous Plants



Recognition and prevention.

Stage 5: Advanced Care & Responsibility

Feet & Farriery



Parts of foot, picking out, farrier tools, worn shoe signs.

Tack Cleaning & Reassembly



Strip, clean and reassemble bridle & saddle.

Leading & Tying Skills



Quick release knot, correct side to lead, safe turning. Controlled handling in a confined situation (assisted).



Stage 1: Safety & Basic Awareness (Beginner)

Mounting Dismounting



Absolute first skill.
Safety and respect for
the horse.

Start, Stop & Turn



Basic aids and
simple turns.
Control before
anything else.

No Stirrups, Walk & Trot



Establishes balance
independent of tack
support.

Rising Trot



Rhythm and coordination.

Sitting Trot



Core stability and position
refinement.

Stage 2: Control, Accuracy & Understanding (Novice)

Adjusting Stirrups & Girth



Rider responsibility once
mounted competence is
achieved

Tacking Up



Correct fitting
tack knowledge.

Arena Markers



Spatial
awareness and
arena literacy.

Change of Rein & Circles



Shape, balance and line
control.

Trot Diagonals



Biomechanical correctness
and feel.

Stage 3: Preparing to Jump & Jumping

Trotting Poles



Rhythm,
straightness,
coordination
over poles.

Canter Aids & Position



Must precede jumping.
Control of a third pace.

Jumping a Small Fence



Single fence with correct
position.

Jump a Small Course



Course riding only after all
previous elements are
secure.



Stage 1: Understanding Horses

Horse Awareness & Body Language



Recognise key horse body language signals and respond calmly and safely.

Herd Behaviour & Social Need



Understand herd roles and support horses' need for social contact and security.

Horse Signals



Read horse feedback and encourage cooperation through choice-based interaction.

Understanding Horse Behaviour



Interpret behaviour, stress thresholds, and apply welfare led responses.

How Horses Learn



Why calm, clear and consistent interaction helps horses feel safe, understand what is happening.

Stage 2: Safe Practice & Daily Care

Horse Care & Routine



Follow consistent routines to support welfare and safe daily care.

Safe Handling & Leading



Apply safe handling, positioning, and leading for predictable horse interactions.

Understanding the Horse's Environment



Assess the environment to identify hazards and support safe, suitable conditions.

Working Together Around Horses



Contribute to clear communication and teamwork for safe equine environments.

Taking Responsibility



Demonstrate reliability and awareness to support safe, responsible care.

Stage 3: Physical Health & Welfare

Feeding for Health



Understand digestion basics, forage needs, and signs of poor nutrition.

Thoughtful Feeding



Adapt feeding to individual needs based on condition, workload, and welfare.

Movement Matters



Explain the role of movement, turnout, and rest in horse health and wellbeing.

Hoof Care



Identify hoof structure, apply basic care, and recognise signs of imbalance.

Rugs & Rugging



Manage temperature, rugging, and clipping to maintain comfort and welfare.

Stage 4: Welfare Thinking & Responsibility

Environment & Welfare



Evaluate comfort, shelter, and environment to support rest and wellbeing.

Five Domains



Apply the Five Domains to assess and improve overall horse welfare.

Managing Risk, & Safety



Recognise risks and follow routines to maintain safety in equine settings.

Responsible Leadership



Show initiative and make calm, welfare-led decisions within agreed limits.

Equine Systems



Work within roles and systems to support coordinated, welfare-led horse care.