

Riders Without Horses Activity Sheet Three (D Certificate intro)

What is the D Certificate?

Equipment:

Cards, glue (clag), rulers, pens or pencils (at least 2 colours).

Carrots or small pieces of apple.

A chart for yourself.

A 'D' Certificate and different coloured discs, available from the PCAV Office.

A copy of the Pony Club Australia Syllabus of Instruction.

Introduction:

Show members a copy of the APCC Syllabus of Instruction and tell them what it is about.

Some members may know about Cubs/Brownies/Guides and the badges they achieve and sew on their uniforms.

Refer to these badges

Show the members the discs they can wear behind their badges as they obtain the different levels of proficiency.

Refer to the lesson 'Parts of the Pony' and 'Care of a Pony Paddock' and point out these lessons are work towards 'D' efficiency certificate.

Teach:

'Feed an apple/carrot' to a pony.

If there is no pony available for the rally, have a child pretend to be the pony and be correctly handed a piece of apple or carrot.

Go for a walk and find a quiet, tied up pony. Have members demonstrate the correct technique for feeding – emphasising safety aspects. (Pre-organise and advise owner).

When the members have completed this first task successfully, they could have their first tick (blue and red ticks on you chart and their individual charts).

Charts for 'D' Subjects.

Before hand, make a chart for each of the 'D' subjects.

(example only)

Name	Walk	Game	Lead	Tie	Feed	Groom	Passed
Mary							
Tom							
Jo							
Sue							
Glen							

Tick with blue pen when a subject has been taught and another colour when the member has been tested and passed. Keep this record yourself and add new names as new members join the group.

Make individual record cards for each member. Old Christmas cards with one side not written on are good.

Allow the members to choose a card, glue it closed and make their individual chart on the back.

Decorate the edges.

Subject	Games	Lead					

Subject Games Lead Tie Feed Groom Road Rules Etc

Jo

Learned

Passed

If they need somewhere to keep their card, it is a good idea to ask the members to provide their own exercise book.

Use it to stick in the 'D' Charts, pictures completed at the rally and any future projects, which can either be completed directly in the book or stuck in later.