



Certificate 2 - Ground Skills

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Horse's Name

Desensitization

		Pass	Comments
G2.1	Ask your horse to walk around you in a circle and maintain gait while moving rope along horse's back.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.2	Kneel beside your horse and ask him to keep his head lowered while you throw the lead around his legs and over his back. Repeat for both sides.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Yielding from pressure

G2.3	Stand in front of your horse facing him. Using your hand on his nose, ask him for soft feel, then backwards for 10 steps, finish with soft feel.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.4	Stand in front of your horse facing him. Using your hand on your horse's nose ask him for soft feel, then ask him to back a small circle to the left and right, finish with soft feel.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.5	Stand beside your horse at his shoulder. Ask him to move sideways away from your hand for 20ft along a straight line. Repeat for both sides. Keep your horse's front feet on the line.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Yielding from a suggestion

G2.6	Stand in front of your horse facing him. Ask him to take ten steps backwards.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.7	Stand in front of your horse facing him. Hold the clip of the halter and using a stick ask your horse to move sideways for 20ft in a straight line on the ground along a 22ft rope. Repeat both sides.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.8	Stand beside your horse at his shoulder and ask him to move sideways for 10ft along a straight line, backwards for 10ft and sideways for 10ft in a zigzag pattern. Be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ down the 12ft lead. Repeat both sides.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Following the feel of the lead - staying inside the halter

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G2.9 Stand in front of your horse facing him. Be at least 4ft away and using the lead, ask your horse to move his forequarter a full circle. Repeat both sides.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.10 Ask your horse to circle you on the 12ft lead for five circles, showing correct flexion and engagement at the trot.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.11 Ask your horse to circle you on the 22ft lead at the canter for three circles, ask him to come down to a trot for two circles and then a walk for one circle. Change direction at the trot and repeat for the other side. Disengage the hindquarter to finish.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.12 Stand in front of your horse facing him at the end of the 12ft lead and ask your horse to back in a figure of eight.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.13 Stand beside your horse at his shoulder with the horse between you and the fence. Have your horse trot beside you along the fence line and over a jump at least 1ft high. Stop and backup for at least 20ft. Repeat for both sides.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.14 Back your horse into a float.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Liberty with stick and string

G2.15 Ask your horse to follow you at the trot while you run a figure of eight. Stop and backup with your horse beside you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.16 Ask your horse to circle you at the trot for three circles, over a jump at least 2ft high, then come in to the centre. Repeat both directions.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G2.17 Ask your horse to move backwards for 10 steps, yield the forequarter half a circle, yield your horse sideways for four steps, yield your horses hindquarters half a circle. Repeat both sides.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Instructor's Signature Date

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