



Order of grooming

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Reasons WHY we groom our horse:

- To check for _____.
- To prevent _____ from dirt under tack
- To condition his _____ and make the coat _____.
- To promote good circulation of the _____.
- The horse thinks it feels _____.

WHEN should we groom:

- Check your pony (circle one) everyday, every week, every month, only in hot weather
- Groom before you _____
- And groom after you _____

The ORDER of Grooming

- _____
 - What kind of halter? _____
 - What kind of knot to tie your horse? _____



- _____
 - Also check _____



- Rubber or plastic _____ to break up caked on mud & stimulate skin
 - rub in (circle one) triangles, squares, circles
 - start at top of neck, work back and down
 - what parts of the body should you NOT use this tool? _____
 - What are METAL currycombs used for? _____



- _____ brush to take away dirt stirred up by step #3
 - start at top of neck
 - short, snappy strokes to flick away the dirt
 - When should you NOT use this brush? _____
 - Two other names for this type of brush: _____ and _____



5. _____ brush to clean away dust and scruff

- start at the top
- use short, firm strokes in direction of hair
- clean the brush after a few strokes
- can be used everywhere, even where clipped
- another name for this brush is: _____
- it is the best brush for getting horse's coat clean & shiny



6. _____

- pick out the big twigs and burrs with (circle one) knife, comb, brush, newspaper, hands
- separate the tangles with (circle one) knife, comb, brush, newspaper, hands
- start at the BOTTOM, work up, use a mane brush, plastic comb, or dandy brush.
- try not to break or pull the hair
- When working with the tail where should you stand? _____



7. _____

- bear down and rub firmly, in long strokes in direction of the hair
- rubbing warms up the skin, brings out the oils, and makes the coat _____



The following areas of your horse should always be checked, and the task is optional if no signs of dirt or distress exist.

8. _____

- Optional - can use soft Body Brush instead



9. _____

- Optional - use damp sponge or cotton balls



10. clean the _____

- Optional - use a separate sponge



11. _____

- Optional - wipe away excess



12. _____

- Optional
- wet brush to dampen the roots of the mane
- On which side of the horse's neck should the mane rest? _____



13. _____

Why is this done last? _____



USPC Rating Requirements: D1 groom mount with assistance // D2 Groom mount & pick out feet