



GOLD AWARD

Minimum age: 16 years, but 12 months must elapse between this test and passing silver

OBJECTIVE

To demonstrate an advanced knowledge of donkey behaviour, their needs and management

1. What do you look for when choosing a donkey for: a) a pet b) showing c) breeding d) driving
2. Describe how you would handle an inexperienced donkey in the following situations: a) in the stable-yard with other animals and children b) how would you prepare this inexperienced donkey to go out on a picnic walk with Donkey Breed Society members, their donkeys and dogs.
3. Discuss the various types of rugs and their uses
4. Put on a stable rug, leg bandages and tail bandage
5. Prepare a donkey and it's trailer for safe travelling
6. Identify three different types of hard feed and the circumstances in which they could be used
7. Name the three groups of worms, their effects on the donkey and their prevention
8. Obesity in donkeys is a problem in the UK. Why is this and what can be done to remedy it?
9. How would you recognise and deal with: a) Laminitis b) Thrush c) Seedy Toe d) Foot Abscess
10. Know the respiration, pulse and temperature of a donkey and know how to check all three
11. What items should be in a first aid kit?
12. How would you recognise and deal with: a) a minor cut or graze b) a puncture wound c) colic d) sunburn?
13. What inoculations should a donkey have and how regularly?
14. What indicates that a donkey may have dental problems and describe their routine prevention?
15. Describe the basic changes that occur in teeth with age and how one can estimate age by them
16. Recognise and know how to treat mud fever and cracked heels
17. Name types of bits which are suitable for donkeys and know how to fit them.

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