

4H Horsemanship Interview Questions

Horsemanship One:

1. What is the breed of your horse? Example: Quarterhorse, Arabian, Thoroughbred, Mixed.
2. What is your horse's breed known for? Example: racing, pleasure riding, endurance.
3. Name a few different colors of horses. Example: bay, black, palomino, white, gray.
4. Name three parts of a horse. Example: neck, ears, tail, hoof, knee.
5. How often do you feed your horse? Example: twice a day, pastured, once a day plus pasture.
6. What do you feed your horse? Example: hay, grain, grass.

Horsemanship Two:

1. Name a few items kept in a horse first aid kit. Example: vetwrap, gauze, large syringe, antiseptic salve.
2. How often should your horse's hooves be trimmed or shod? 6 to 8 weeks
3. What are some parts of the hoof? Example: wall, sole, frog, lamina, coronet band.
4. What is a farrier? Someone who trims or shoes horses feet.
5. What is colic? When gas is trapped in the horses stomach or intestine.
6. What is a dam? A mare that has produced offspring.
7. What is a sire? A stallion that has produced offspring.

Horsemanship Three:

1. What type of hay should you feed your horse? Example: grass, grass/alfalfa mix
2. What is bad hay? Example: moldy, dusty, wet, weedy.
3. What is a horse's normal temperature? 99 to 102 degrees.
4. What do light hands mean? Use as little pressure as possible on the bit.
5. What is thrush? A fungus affecting the hoof.
6. What does it mean to float a horse's teeth? Filing a horses teeth to remove spurs.

Horsemanship Four:

1. What is monocular vision? Vision in which each eye is used separately.
2. What does barn sour mean? A horse that does not want to leave the barn or the herd
3. What does unsound mean? A lameness that is often incurable.
4. What is a horse's normal heart rate? 30 to 40 beats per minute.
5. Name one parasite that is harmful to a horse. Example: bots, round worms, wood ticks.
6. How many beats to a trot? Two

Horsemanship Five:

1. What is laminitis? Laminitis is a vascular disease within the laminae of the hoof. Inflammation interferes with the wall/bone bond.
2. What is founder? When the coffin bone becomes detached from the internal hoof wall and may rotate or sink.
3. What is a horse's normal respiration rate? 8 to 15 breaths per minute.
4. What are some of the symptoms of thrush? Hoof is tender when cleaning around the frog, lameness, and foul smell.
5. How many beats to a walk? 4
6. Describe one control method for parasites. Deworming program, removing ticks.

Horsemanship Six and beyond:

1. What is a major cause of lameness? Examples: wire cuts, improper nutrition a young age, neglected hoof care or improper shoeing.
2. What is a choke? When food or an object is lodged in the esophagus.
3. Equine encephalomyelitis is also known as what? Sleeping sickness.
4. What is tying up? Overworked muscles become damaged by toxins
5. What is a method to check for anemia? Capillary refill time
6. What is peristalsis? The act of swallowing
7. Is a horse capable of reverse peristalsis? No

English Horsemanship:

1. What is the difference between English and Western riding? Examples: Direct contact with the horse's mouth (English). Tack, closer contact with the horse's body (English). Sporting events- Jumping (English), Team Penning (Western)