

THE PONY CLUB HUNTING CERTIFICATE

Members wanting to take their Hunting Test are required to attend the following:

- One session at the Hunt Kennels, to include a talk from either the Huntsman, Whipper-in or Master with a tour of the kennels and stables.
- One practical session at either the kennels or other suitable place - to include opening and shutting gates and hunting conduct.
- One morning hunting accompanied by a suitable (nominated by the Branch of The Pony Club) adult.

The Hunting Test at the Hunt Kennels should be marked as follows:

- Accompanied days hunting 50%
- Oral assessment 50%

The passing of the Hunting Test allows the Member to go hunting unaccompanied and this should be in the Assessors' mind during the test. The Members should be tested orally, the Member either passes or fails wholly at the discretion of the Assessors.

It should be taken into account that the Member may be nervous, and the Assessors may try to lead the Member towards an answer if they feel they are suffering from nerves rather than ignorance.

If the Member is a borderline case, it is recommended that they be accompanied for a further days hunting by one of the Assessors and encouraged to explain what is going on during the day and be asked informal questions.

Assessors may then ask the Member as many of the following questions as they feel appropriate.

The Pony Club Hunting Certificate – Questions

What is meant by the following?

Dog Hound	Puppy Walking	To Draw a Covert
Loose Horse	Car Followers	To Lay A Trail
A Mute Hound	A Couple	To Draw Hounds
Entered Hounds	The Field	Scent (good/poor/catchy)
Babbler	Gate Please	All On
Brood Bitch	Covert	Ware hole/hare/noise
Young Entry	Line	Red/Green ribbon
Bitch	A Drag Hunt	Huic Holloa
Check	Cast	

ORAL ASSESSMENT

- A) What part does hunting play in the Countryside?
- B) Whose goodwill does hunting rely upon to continue?
- C) Where are the Beaufort Kennels situated?
- D) Who are the Masters of the Beaufort Hunt?
- E) What days of the week do the Beaufort Hunt hunt?
- F) What is the Field Master's role out hunting?

The following must be relevant to your hunt: -

- 1. Who is the Huntsman?
- 2. Who is the Kennel Huntsman?
- 3. Who is the Stud Groom?
- 4. Who is the Countryman?
- 5. Who is the Secretary?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 1. When entering young hounds why do we meet so early in the morning?
- 2. What farming task has to be completed before we may begin the Hunting season?
- 3. When and where is the Opening Meet?
- 4. What time do we meet?
- 5. What do we wear?
- 6. What do you do when you arrive at the Meet?
- 7. What is 'heel line'?
- 8. What should you do before you go home?
- 9. What is the role of Gate-shutters during the days hunting?
- 10. What should you carry in your pocket?
- 11. What is the organisation that defends and promotes hunting?

Accompanied days Hunting to include: -

- Hacking to the meet
- Saying good-morning to the Masters, Secretary and Hunt staff
- Conduct when riding in the hunting field
- Gate shutting
- Saying good-night