



## Virtual Junior Camp 2020

### Hobby Pony Dressage and Jumping Phase & Camping

Dear Junior Campers

1. **The Hobby Pony** – So first things first, you need a new pony of the wooden variety! And literally what is more exciting than a NEW PONY!! Please don't think you need to get Mum and Dad to spend loads – a broom with a cut out cardboard head will do! Or if you are crafty you can be amazingly creative and have lots of fun! You may have a Hobby Pony, in which case you can just drag him/her out of the stable and give him/her a bit of a brush.

**Very important** – this new Hobby Pony must have a name as you will be asked to introduce your new ponies on the first day! There will be prizes for Best Turned Out Hobby in each age category!

There are some links at the end to webpages with ideas for DIY Hobby's.

2. **The Dressage Arena** – you can use a 20 x 40m arena if you have one, but it is quite tiring running around a surface and it's a long way. We would recommend a half-sized arena and remember it really doesn't need to be exact. It's a rectangle and there is a plan on your Dressage Test to set out an arena. Markers can be made of paper, cardboard and proper arena markers if you have them. You can use plant pots, cones or buckets as your arena markers. You do not need to mark the D, X and G letters, you just need to know where they are mostly X which is in the middle!
3. **The Dressage Test** - Practice your dressage test on your new Hobby Pony in your arena and try to learn it, get Mum, Dad, Brothers and Sisters to call it out for you. There are some funny moves in each test that you probably won't have done before on a pony unless you're Charlotte Dujardin! Watch our demo videos for an example of the test. They will be uploaded onto the Virtual Camp Facebook page next week. Do be imaginative, not all ponies are perfect and a spook here and there will add some colour! Start thinking about what piece of music you'd like to do your test to but please remember that if you don't want to add music you don't have to!
4. **Junior Camp Dressage**. Day 1 - you will get yourself and your pony ready for dressage, plaits for Hobby would be lovely and a nice glossy shine too. For you, the rider, a PC sweatshirt or Jacket, jods, shirt and tie and don't forget your hat and PC Badge (Trainers recommended rather than boots!) Ask a member of your family to video you with the music playing on a speaker nearby or you can add the music later if you have a clever person in your household to help with video editing. Do a short introduction with your name and your Hobby's Name and off you go. The Test will be marked on style, paces, accuracy and there will be special prizes for riders who make the judges laugh the most! At the end of the day you will need to get a parent to upload your video onto the Group Facebook page by 6pm!
5. **The Jumping Phase**. Day 2 of Junior Camp. This is the equivalent to a show jumping and Cross Country course, to be done in your garden at home, using whatever you have to hand. You will need 8-10 'jumps' in your course but some could be jumped in both directions or more than

once. Jumps could be made of buckets, brooms, plant pots, garden plants, a ditch (if you have one?) hay bales etc! You should wear your Cross Country clothes (A bright sweat shirt and a matching hat cover) We are looking at style and fun, not how high you can jump! See if you can persuade your parents or a sibling to add some or music. Again be imaginative and enjoy your jumping round – maybe you’ll go clear, maybe you might tumble off in the water, some might spook at a very bright ‘filler’ - We look forward to enjoying your rounds as much as you do! Again, there is a demo video, but please remember the young lady is much older and has long legs! It’s just for ideas. At the end of the day as with Day 1 you will need to get a parent to upload your video onto the Group Facebook page by 6pm.

6. **Camping** – this is again meant to be fun and is optional. There is a Mini Camping Badge and we will tell you a little bit more about how you would earn this next week.

Have fun everyone, please be safe completing these phases and enjoy our very first Virtual Junior Camp!

### DIY Hobby Pony Ideas

<https://www.redtedart.com/how-to-make-a-diy-stick-horse/?cn-reloaded=1>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAnvVwh6-tI>

