

GROOMING EQUIPMENT

Grooming equipment should be in an easy-to-carry box made of plastic or wood. Everything should be labeled with Pony Clubber's name, and the name of the club. Required equipment is noted, and other items can be included.

DANDY BRUSH

A dandy brush is a stiff bristled brush which is used for removing dirt, hair, and other material loosened by the curry. It shouldn't be used on the head or other bony parts of the horse. It is used with short, flicking strokes. Necessary equipment for Pony Club.



BODY BRUSH

A soft-bristled brush that removes finer particles and dust and adds a shine to the coat. It can be used on the head, being careful to avoid the horse's eyes. Some natural body brushes are made of horsehair, goat hair or boar bristles - others are made of soft synthetic fibers. The body brush is generally the last brush used on the horse. It is used with long, gliding strokes. Necessary equipment for Pony Club.



CURRY COMB

Curry or Curry comb: A tool made of rubber or plastic with short "teeth" on one side, that slides onto the hand of the groom. It is usually the first tool used while grooming. It is usually used in a circular motion to loosen dirt, hair, and dander, and to stimulate the skin to produce natural oils. Curry combs shouldn't be used on the legs or head, though varieties made of softer rubber are available. Necessary equipment for Pony Club.



MANE and TAIL COMB

The comb is used to comb out the mane and tail. It must be used carefully on tails to avoid breaking the hair. Tails are often picked out by hand to avoid breaking the hairs. Necessary equipment for Pony Club.



PULLING COMB

The pulling comb is used by taking a small amount of mane in the fingers, backcombing all but a few hairs, then wrapping those hairs around the comb and yanking them out. This produces a short, thinned, even mane.



BODY SPONGE

This is used for washing the horse and getting stains out. Necessary equipment for Pony Club.



RUB RAG

A linen or terrycloth towel or similar type of cloth, or sheepskin mitt, can be used to give a final polish to a horse's coat and is also used after riding to help remove sweat. It can also be used to wipe the mouth and bit, and spot-cleaning. Necessary equipment for Pony Club.



SWEAT SCRAPER

This is a curved metal or plastic blade used to scrape water off of a horse after a bath. Necessary equipment for Pony Club.



HOOF PICK

A hooked tool, usually of metal, used to clean the hooves of a horse. Some designs include a small, very stiff brush for removing additional mud or dirt. Necessary equipment for Pony Club.



METAL and PLASTIC CURRY COMB

These curry combs should not be used on a horse as the teeth can damage the skin and hair. They are primarily used to clean brushes by scraping the brush across the teeth.



FACE and DOCK SPONGES

The face sponge is used for wiping the eyes, nose and mouth, and the dock sponge is used for cleaning under the tail, the outside of the sheath and the udder. Necessary equipment for Pony Club.



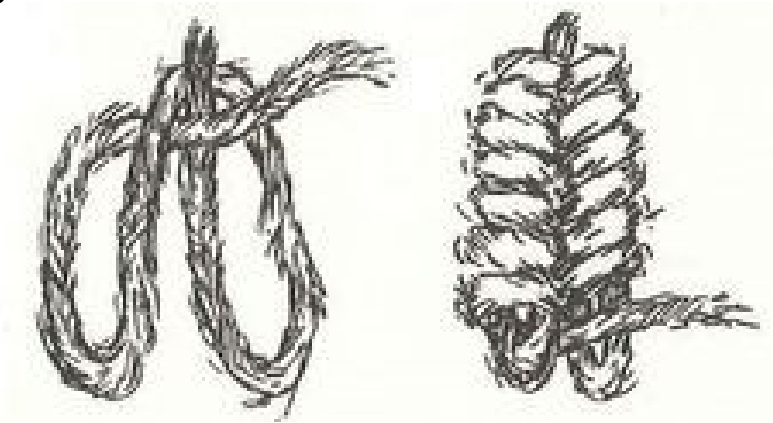
WASH BUCKET

Used for washing and bathing a horse.
Necessary equipment for Pony Club.



HAY WISP

Made by twisting hay, and weaving it into a mat. Used for “strapping” – a type of grooming done by firmly hitting it onto the horse’s coat, and rubbing. Stimulates circulation, adds shine to coat, and massages and relaxes horse.



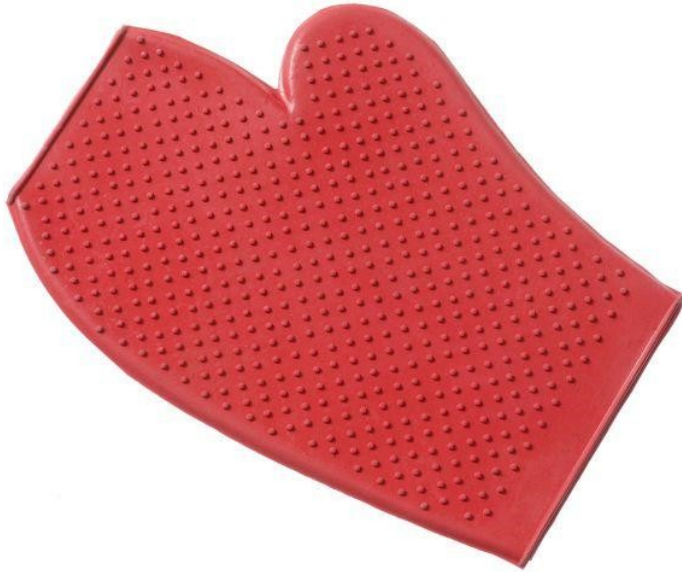
CACTUS CLOTH

Made of a rough, heavy natural fiber, similar to very rough burlap. Used in a similar manner as a wisp. Good for rubbing down a sweaty horse.



RUBBER GROOMING MITT

Rubber mitt with little bumps. Used like a curry comb – good for getting in tight or sensitive areas like the legs, between the front legs, and on the face.



HOOF DRESSING

Used to help keep moisture levels constant in hooves, and to look nice.

