

Golden Horseshoe Tack Shop Summer Seminar Series  
Grooming and Clipping with Jax

WHY GROOM YOUR HORSE?

- 1) INCREASE CIRCULATION THROUGHOUT SKIN AND MUSCLES
- 2) ASSESS ANY INJURIES
- 3) SPREAD OILS FROM SKIN THROUGHOUT COAT
- 4) REMOVE DEAD SKIN, DEAD HAIR, AND DIRT
- 5) REMOVE DEBRIS FROM FEET
- 6) HORSE DEVELOPS A POSITIVE ASSOCIATION WITH YOU
- 7) PREVENT SORES FROM DIRT UNDER RIDING EQUIPMENT
- 8) PREVENT SKIN CONDITIONS

BUILD A GROOMING KIT

- 1) RUBBER CURRY COMB
- 2) METAL CURRY COMB
- 3) STIFF BRUSH
- 4) SOFT BRUSH
- 5) FACE BRUSH
- 6) WIDE TOOTH COMB
- 7) HOOF PICK
- 8) HOOF CONDITIONER
- 9) DETANGLER
- 10) COAT CONDITIONER
- 11) TOWEL/BABY WIPES
- 12) STAIN REMOVER

DAILY GROOMING ROUTINE

- 1) METAL CURRY TO REMOVE CAKED MUD ON ALL PARTS EXCEPT BONY PARTS AND FACE
- 2) CURRY WHOLE BODY TO LOOSEN DIRT AND DEAD SKIN
- 3) STIFF BRUSH IN COMBINATION WITH CURRY TO FLICK AWAY DEBRIS
- 4) TOWEL AND STAIN REMOVER TO LIFT STAINS OUT OF COAT
- 5) SOFT BRUSH TO REMOVE FINE DIRT
- 6) SPRAY COAT CONDITIONER TO SOFT BRUSH TO BRUSH IN AND CURRY TOO
- 7) SOFT FACE BRUSH AND CURRY ON FACE
- 8) PICK THROUGH MANE AND TAIL USING FINGERS
- 9) APPLY DETANGLER AS NEEDED AND COMB THROUGH WITH WIDE TOOTH COMB
- 10) HOOF PICK TO REMOVE DEBRIS FROM HOOVES
- 11) APPLY HOOF CONDITIONER AS NEEDED
- 12) CLEAN TOWELS AND BABY WIPES FOR WIPING GOO FROM EYES, NOSTRILS, AND UNDER TAIL
- 13) STEP BACK AND ADMIRE YOUR CLEAN HORSE!

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GROOMING CONSIDERATIONS

- 1) SOME HORSES ARE MORE SENSITIVE THAN OTHERS
- 2) CLEAN BRUSHES ONE A MONTH
- 3) SOME COAT CONDITIONERS MAKE HORSES SLICK AND SHOULD NOT BE USED WHERE TACK GOES. READ LABELS.

BATHING SUPPLIES

- 1) SHAMPOO
- 2) CONDITIONER
- 3) SPONGE
- 4) 5 GALLON BUCKET
- 5) CURRY COMB
- 6) SPRAY NOZZLE
- 7) SWEAT SCRAPER
- 8) SHEATH/UDDER CLEANER

BATHING CONSIDERATIONS

- TOO MUCH BATHING DRIES OUT SKIN AND COAT
- IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE CLEANING YOUR HORSE'S SHEATH OR UDDERS CONSULT YOUR VET
- WARM WATER IS IDEAL BUT IF ITS NOT AVAILABLE START AT THE HOOVES AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ALLOW THE HORSE TO ADJUST TO THE TEMPURATE GRADUALLY
- BATH ON WARM DAYS (75 DEGREES AND UP)

CLIPPING SUPPLIES:

- 1) SET OF CLIPPERS
- 2) #10 BLADES
- 3) #40 BLADES
- 4) CLIPPER OIL
- 5) COOL LUBE
- 6) BLADE WASH

BASIC CLIPPING:

- 1) CLIPPING AGAINST THE HAIR GIVES A CLOSER CUT
- 2) BLEND BY CUTTING WITH THE HAIR
- 3) #10 FOR TRIMMING LEGS, EARS, JAW HAIR, AND WHITE MARKINGS
- 4) #40 BRIDLE PATH, WHISKERS, EYE WHISKERS, AND "BALDING OUT" EARS
- 5) ROUTINELY CHECK IF BLADES ARE GETTING HOT WHILE CLIPPING

\*SOME BREEDS HAVE SPECICALIZED CLIPPING NEEDS