

FOR
BROWNIE
GIRL
SCOUTS

Horses Are Fun

*“Our
Council’s
Own Try-It”*

Animal Talk

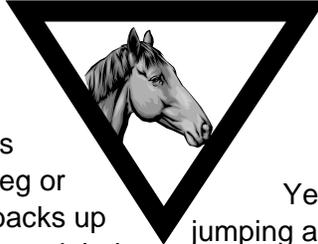
You probably know what a cat means when it purrs and rubs against your leg or what a dog means when it barks or backs up and growls. Animals use their voices and their bodies to tell you how they feel. Watch a horse to learn what it means when it swishes its tail, pulls back his ears, and whines. *When is it proud? What else do horses do to talk to you? Can you act like a horse when it’s happy —when it’s angry?*

Saddle Up

There are some important articles of clothing called “tack” that horses wear when you ride them. *Can you place the pad on a horse and adjust the girth on the saddle? Name all the tack used when you ride — how many pieces can you actually put on the horse? If possible, participate in a riding activity.*

Good Grooming

Go to a stable, horse show, or farm to see how horses are groomed and cleaned. *What kind of tools are used? You use a wash cloth to clean your face and a brush or comb to fix your hair. What are the tools called that clean a horse’s face or comb its’ mane? Can you name three types of tools that are used to groom a horse? Practice using these tools.*



Heads Up For Safety Sake

Yelling, screaming, running, and jumping are OK things to do when you’re out on the playground. *Why aren’t they OK around horses? Make a poster to share with others on how to act when horses are nearby or when you’re riding or caring for them.*

Lead! Look Out! Look Up!

Some dogs are great to take for a walk, staying quietly beside you. Some dogs may dash ahead of you or pull you. To lead a horse is different. *Which one of you — you or the horse — decides where to go? Where should you be looking and why? Why do you need both hands? Where should the right hand be? Where is the left hand? Show how to hold the excess lead rope.*

What Should I Wear Today?

Every day you have a choice of what to wear when you go to play, school, or out to dinner. Each activity has appropriate clothing for a reason. *What is appropriate clothing for horseback riding? Can you dress and model your riding attire? Talk with an equestrian instructor about the reasons for wearing each item.*

Once Brownies have completed 4 of the 6 requirements, they may purchase the Try-It to wear on their own uniforms! Contact the Outdoor Program Specialist at 804-764-3347 or 1-800-4SCOUT-4 ext. 347 with any questions.