Species – Horse Module - Grooming

Targeting Life Skills Beginner • Learning to Learn Intermediate

- Decision making
- Critical Thinking
- Seniors
- Critical ThinkingCommunication

Learning Objectives

Beginner

• Identify the following five grooming tools and their purposes: hoof pick, rubber curry, dandy brush, soft body brush, and comb.

Intermediate

- Identify the following seven grooming tools and their purposes: hoof pick, rubber curry, shedding blade, dandy brush, soft body brush, comb, and grooming cloth.
- Demonstrate how to properly care for a mane and tail.

Seniors

- Identify the following eight grooming tools, know the order they are to be used, and understand their purposes: hoof pick, rubber curry, shedding blade, dandy brush, soft body brush, comb, sponge, and grooming cloth.
- Explain why specific parts of a horse need to be clipped for show, and how to properly care for the mane and tail.
- Explain to other club members or leader how to safely and correctly groom a horse for show.
- Teach the Beginner and Intermediate members how to properly groom a horse.

Age Level	Learning Activities	Material Needed	Sources
Beginner	 Watch a demonstration or a video on the proper way to groom a horse. Refer to the Alberta Reference Manual to learn about grooming tools. Grooming Tool Activity Sheet 	 Grooming For Success Video (UK Cooperative Extension Services, not included in kit) One copy of the grooming activity sheet for each member (provided in the OSU kit) Crayons/Markers 	<u>Alberta</u> <u>Horse</u> <u>Reference</u> <u>Manual,</u> pp. 181 – 194

Learning Activities

Age			
Level	Learning Activities	Material Needed	Sources
Intermediate	 Refer to the Alberta Horse Reference Manual to learn about grooming equipment and how to care for manes/tails. 	 Grooming For Success Video (UK Cooperative Extension Services, not included in kit) 	<u>Alberta</u> <u>Horse</u> <u>Reference</u> <u>Manual</u> , pp. 181 – 194
	Grooming Tool Activity SheetGrooming Activity	 One copy of the grooming purpose activity sheet for each 	
		 member (provided in original kit) Pen/Pencil Demo horse Grooming tools 	
Senior	 Refer to the Alberta Horse Reference Manual to learn about grooming equipment and how to clip a horse. 	 Grooming For Success Video (UK Cooperative Extension Services, not included in kit) Demo horse Grooming tools 	<u>Alberta</u> <u>Horse</u> <u>Reference</u> <u>Manual</u> , pp. 181 – 194
	 Practice communication/ teaching skills by assisting intermediate members with their Grooming Activity 		
	Grooming Activity		

Time Requirement

- 30-45 minutes for classroom learning objectives
- 45 to 60 minutes for clipping and grooming activities in the barn

Best Location

- Classroom
- Barn or other location where two or more horses can be used safely

References

- Alberta 4-H Horse Manual
- KLVCR Kit
- KLVCR Manual
- Internet resources

Grooming Tool Activity Sheet Beginner Level

On the lines below, provide the name of the grooming tool that corresponds with its purpose. Choose from the five tools pictured below. Use each tool only once.

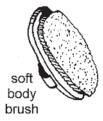
used to clean the hooves of the horse's feet removing mud, manure, stones, etc.

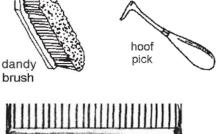
used on the horse's body to loosen dirt and mud, and to stimulate circulation and oil production

used on the horse's body in short, flicking motions to remove dirt, dandruff, mud, and sweat, and to stimulate circulation

this is the only brush that can be used on the whole body, including the face; it removes dry skin flakes and brings out the shine in the horse's coat

used to untangle the horse's mane and tail







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comb

Grooming Tool Activity Sheet Beginner Level Answer Key

Hoof Pick	used to clean the hooves of the horse's feet removing mud, manure, stones, etc.
Rubber Curry	used on the horse's body to loosen dirt and mud, and to stimulate circulation and oil production
Dandy Brush	used on the horse's body in short, flicking motions to remove dirt, dandruff, mud, and sweat, and to stimulate circulation
Soft Body Brush	this is the only brush that can be used on the whole body, including the face; it removes dry skin flakes and brings out the shine in the horse's coat
Comb	used to untangle the horse's mane and tail

Grooming Tool Activity Sheet Intermediate Level

Match the name of the grooming tool with its purpose by writing the corresponding letter of the name on the line. Each letter may be used only one time.

- 1) _____ used to clean out the hooves of the horse's feet
- 2) _____ used on the horse's body to loosen dirt and mud, and to stimulate circulation and oil production
- 3) _____ used on the horse's body in short, flicking motions to remove dirt, dandruff, mud, and sweat, and to stimulate circulation
- 4) _____ used on the body and face to remove dry skin flakes and bring out the shine in the horse's coat
- 5) _____ used to untangle the horse's mane and tail
- 6) _____ used to help remove winter hair, and has a smooth side that can be used to slick away water after a bath
- 7) _____ used to clean horse's nostrils, mouth, and ears, or can be used over entire body to add shine after grooming is complete
 - A) Rubber Curry
 - B) Shedding Blade
 - C) Dandy Brush
 - D) Hoof Pick
 - E) Comb
 - F) Soft Body Brush
 - G) Grooming Cloth

Grooming Tool Activity Sheet Intermediate Level Answer Key

- 1) _D___ used to clean out the hooves of the horse's feet
- 2) _A___ used on the horse's body to loosen dirt and mud, and to stimulate circulation and oil production
- 3) _C__ used on the horse's body in short, flicking motions to remove dirt, dandruff, mud, and sweat, and to stimulate circulation
- 4) _F___ used on the body and face to remove dry skin flakes and bring out the shine in the horse's coat
- 5) _E___ used to untangle the horse's mane and tail
- 6) _B___ used to help remove winter hair, and has a smooth side that can be used to slick away water after a bath
- 7) _G___ used to clean horse's nostrils, mouth, and ears, or can be used over entire body to add shine after grooming is complete

Grooming Tool Activity Sheet Intermediate Level

<u>Materials Needed:</u> Demo horse for grooming and any grooming tools needed for basic cleaning (curry, stiff brush, hoof pick, etc.)

<u>Activity</u>: Work with the senior members and leader at the barn to safely demonstrate the proper way to groom a horse using each tool for its specified purpose, including pulling the mane, if applicable.

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Grooming Activity Senior Level

<u>Materials Needed:</u> Demo horse for grooming, clippers, and any grooming tools needed for show cleaning (hoof pick, shedding blade, sponge, etc.)

<u>Activity:</u> Work with the intermediate members to help them groom their horse(s). Explain the purpose of grooming and demonstrate the proper way, when necessary, in a friendly and educational manner.

Show clean a horse utilizing the proper grooming tools. Tend to the mane and tail, and work with the leader to clip the horse if appropriate.

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