



# Pony Club is Fun! Join Us!

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## Some facts about The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.



Riding Lessons

Pony Club is a misnomer; it is not a club for ponies. It is an educational organization that teaches horsemanship and the care of horses and ponies. Pony Club is a worldwide organization that originated in Great Britain. The United States Pony Clubs (USPC) was founded as a non-profit national youth horsemanship organization

in 1954. Visit our web site to learn more: [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org)

Today, there are over 640 Pony Clubs nationwide – including Alaska and Hawaii – with over 12,500 members. Generally, Pony Club members range in age from as young as 5 to age 21 (*for the next three years, members may be 25 as part of a beta program*). Riding activities include Eventing, Mounted Games, Show Jumping, Dressage, Vaulting (horseback gymnastics), Polo, Polocrosse (combination of polo and lacrosse), Foxhunting, and Tetrathlon (riding, running, swimming, shooting). USPC also offers a knowledge-based competition called Quiz. Pony Club offers team competition, so members learn the importance of cooperation and friendship. At rallies, there is no help from parents. Youngsters help each other (with qualified adults nearby).



Lots of Friends

An important part of rallies is horse care, which is judged from the beginning of the rally. Pony Club members learn to ride and care for their mounts safely and well and become very responsible young adults – and have fun as well.

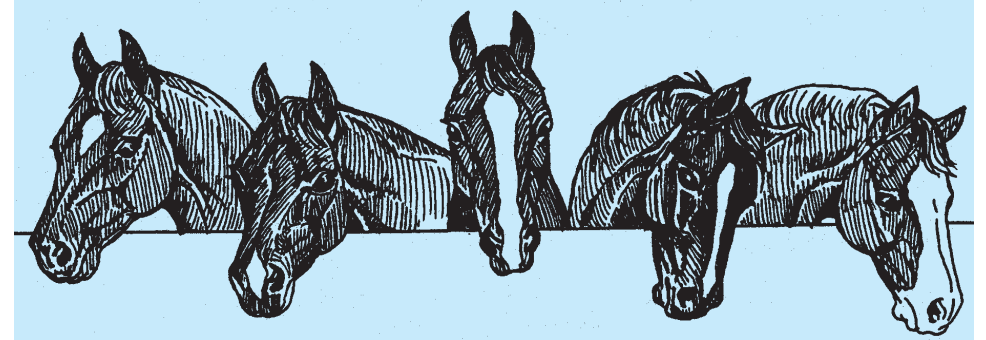
Pony Club members progress through a standard rating system (something like Boy and Girl Scouts' ranks) that requires them to learn more and more about horses and their care and to become increasingly accomplished riders. Ratings begin at the D level and progress upwards. The Pony Club member who reaches the "A" rating is a highly competent and knowledgeable young horsewoman or horseman.

## Did you know?

- ? Horses have been the close companions of humans for over 6,000 years;
  - ? In the United States, one in every eight people ride a horse each year;
  - ? There are approximately 6.6 million horses in the United States;
  - ? There are over 200 different breeds of horses in the world, with approximately 151 breeds in the United States.
- courtesy The North American Horsemen's Association*



Learn to Jump



Blaze

Bald Face

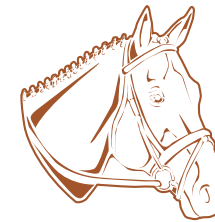
Snip

Strip

Star

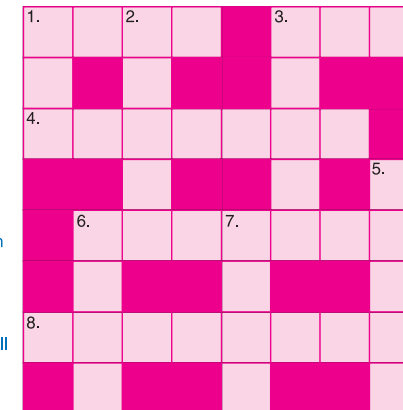
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## Horzey Crossword



### Across

- The heaviest breed of British pony; a native of northeast England.
- The number of rings on an eggbutt snaffle.
- The person who takes overall charge of a stable and its operation.
- Most tack and saddlery is made of this.
- They shoe horses.



### Down

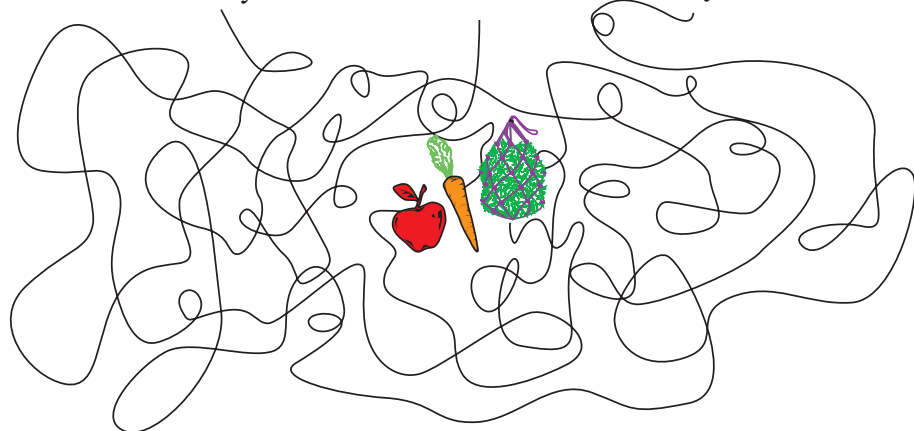
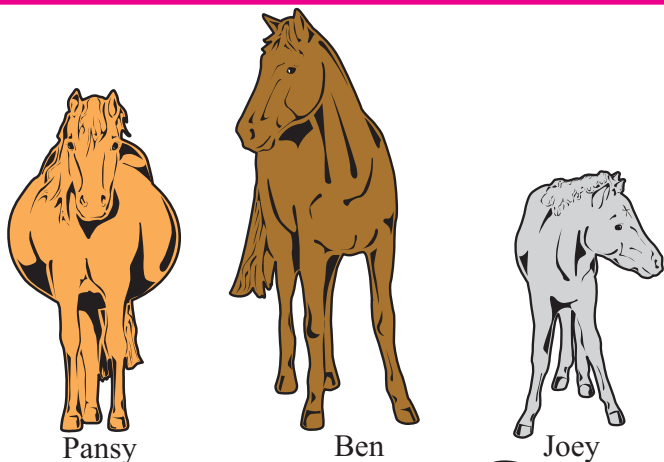
- The female parent of a horse.
- This may be used for training a horse.
- A rasp is used on these.
- To hit the fetlock with the opposite foot.
- To do this, you will need to put a halter and leadrope on your pony.
- A mass of hair, including the dock.

## Answers to puzzles on back:

What's My Treat: *Pansy-haynet; Ben-apple, Joey-carrot*

Leg Markings, l to r: *coronet, half pastern, sock, half cannon, stocking*

Puzzles are taken from "The Giant Book of HorseFun" written by Lee Smith-Moir. Check out [www.horsefun.com](http://www.horsefun.com) for more games!



## What's My Treat?

Help these hungry ponies find a treat. Follow the trail to find out which pony gets which treat.

Pansy gets \_\_\_\_\_

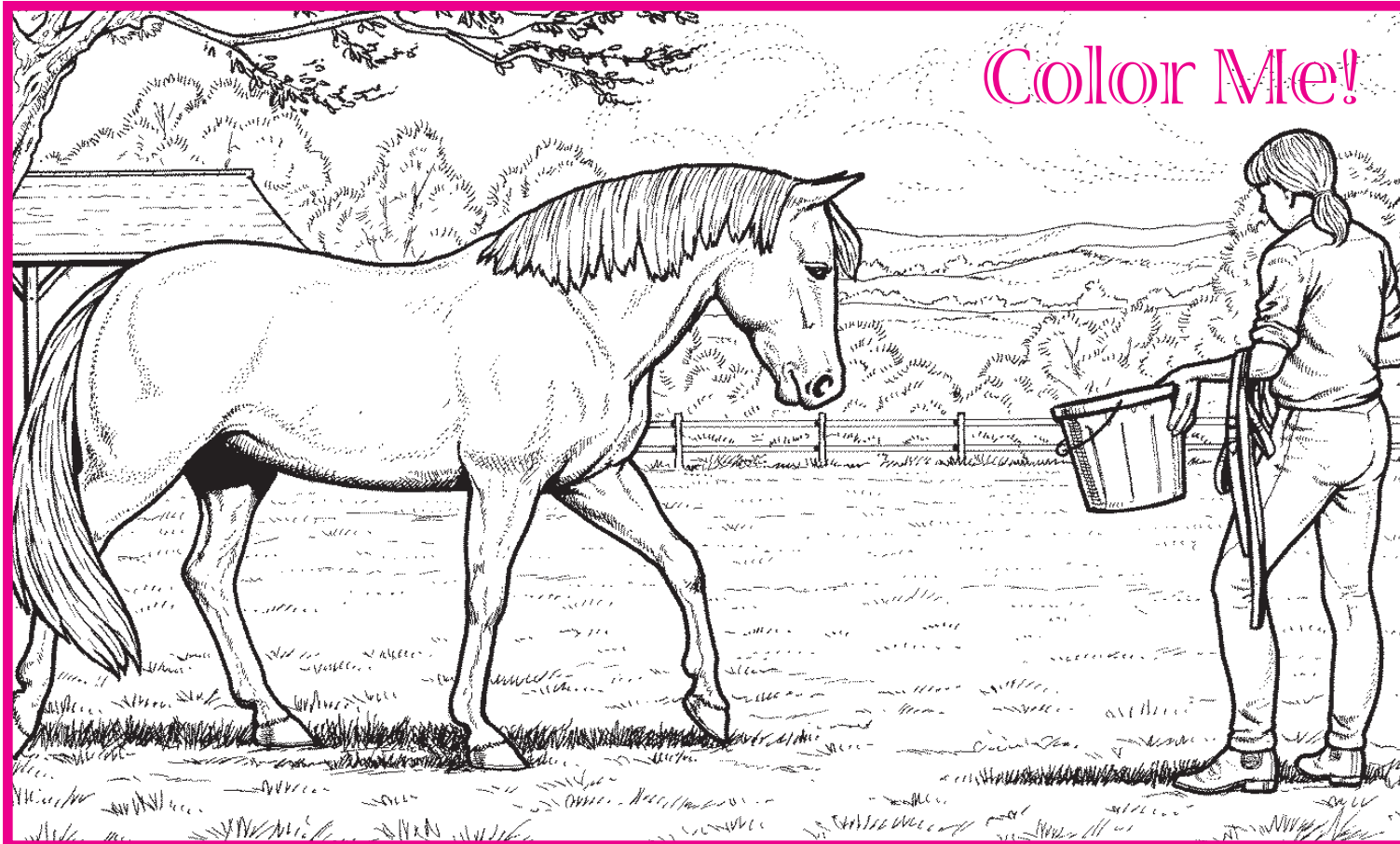
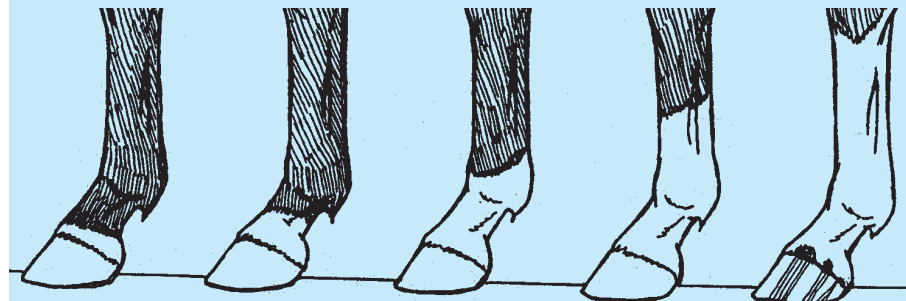
Ben gets \_\_\_\_\_

Joey gets \_\_\_\_\_



Some ponies have white markings on their legs—draw a line from the marking to the matching picture

Stocking      Coronet      Half-Cannon      Half-Pastern      Sock



## Answers to puzzles on front:

Face markings, l to r: star, snip, blaze, strip, bald face