

Conformation

Pony Clubber Name: _____

Horse's Name: _____

Go through the list below - list the strengths and weaknesses for each section for your horse.

1. Overall appearance - consider:

- Balanced body proportions (1/3, 1/3, 1/3); body to legs proportional?
- Level - withers to croup line

2. Head:

- Size of head compared to neck and body?
- Shape? (i.e. roman nose)
- Eye? (Large, small, well placed)
- Jowl: size, space between jowls
- Nostrils: size, shape, open/large enough for galloping, thick edges of nose
- Mouth: size, shape (i.e. bits, teeth)

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9. Front legs: Strength areas? Weaknesses?

- Is plumb line straight? from side and front? Where does line deviate from straight?

- Angles - upright? Sloping? Angles good for sport?

- Length of each bone - short? long? - relationship of bone length to way of going, tendons & ligaments:

- Knee joint - size, relationship to cannon bone, over at knee, tied-in, offset?

- Size of bone density? - relationship to sport and body build?

- Size and shape of hooves? - relationship to body build and sport?

- Conformation of front end makes this horse prone to what unsoundnesses?

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10. Hind legs: Strength areas? Weaknesses?

- Is plumb line straight? from side and back? Where does line deviate from straight?

- Angles - upright? Sloping? Angles good for sport?

- Length of each bone - short? long? - relationship of bone length to way of going, tendons & ligaments:

- Hock joint - cow hocked, sickle hocked, etc?

- Size of bone density? - relationship to sport and body build?

- Size and shape of hooves? - relationship to body build and sport?

- Conformation of hind end makes this horse prone to what unsoundnesses?