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*Pony Club Quiz Rally Competition
Tests Knowledge...And It's Fun!*

By Dawn Bellinger

What is an Osslet? Name three types of teeth found in a horse's mouth. Identify the protein, carbohydrates and fat sources on a feed label. These were just a few of the questions asked at the Virginia Region Pony Clubs Qualifying Quiz Rally held February 24 at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, Va.

What's a rally? The term "to rally" means to "bring together again"—from the French *rallier*, from re- "again" + *allier* "to ally."

"The kids have been studying together and working on their costumes for weeks! They compete in teams of three or four, usually from the same club, with one member designated as Team Captain," explains organizer Nicole Gnozzio. "By competing in teams, the kids don't feel as much pressure if they don't know an answer. The whole day becomes a learning experience," she says. Teams are created based on age and certification (a series of testing levels that members achieve). Usually, the oldest member with the most experience and highest certification is appointed Team Captain, a position of import if a team decides to challenge a score.

The Pony Club experience is all about learning, both on the horse and off. Quiz Rally is the competition that tests a member's equine knowledge. The day starts with Team Captains picking up their packets, competitors helping each other put on pinnys, and everyone applying final touches to costumes. The costume contest is a fun Virginia Region tradition that helps build team spirit and camaraderie. After a short briefing, the rally begins and teams scatter to

various classrooms, barns and large meeting spaces in the park's Visitors Center, with captains in charge and parent chaperones in tow.

Parents are not allowed to assist in any way so those not chaperoning are put to work manning volunteer jobs throughout the park. "This is my second Quiz Rally," reported chaperone Kelly Follain. "It teaches what it takes to own a horse, and provide really good horse management. Despite the fact that I have my own barn, I always learn something new at Quiz Rally." Some parents help in Stations, where long tables are set up for teams to tackle tasks such as Name the Bits, Match the Markings, and Assemble a Bridle.

Horse knowledgeable parents are usually given judging jobs so that they can help to educate as the members compete. "I've been a barn owner for over 20 years, a judge, and I run a boarding business. Everything I've acquired in a lifetime is all organized and laid out here and it's unbelievable!" reports Jen Moran, a Middleburg Orange County Pony Club parent. Competitors at the Stall Setup and Safety section in the Barn phase, for example, had to show how to properly bed a stall with shavings, hang a water bucket and hay net. They were also shown equipment, some purposely unsafe, and asked to distinguish what was unsafe and why.

The schedule is complex with each team participating in four phases, some with multiple parts: Barn, Stations, Classroom, and Written Test. Some phases allow team members to confer. The

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Pony Club.....from p. 19 Loudoun Hunt Giddy Up Gals said that Stations was their favorite phase because “you get to work as a team and if you don’t know something, one of your teammates might, so you learn from them.”

At the end of each phase, the team is shown their score sheet and asked to confirm that it’s correct. If they disagree, they can protest through a formal process that may involve the rally’s Technical Delegate or even the Grand Jury. The Difficult Run Cuties were pleased when their protest bumped their half credit up to three quarters for one answer.

This year’s Quiz Rally had a special Mini-Quiz Rally section for non-members. The general public was invited to spend a few hours with upper level Pony Club members leading them through the Stations and Barn phases, and telling them about their Pony Club experience. “We like to give back to the younger people because we appreciate the mentors that we had. That’s one of the best things about Pony Club,” according

to a Virginia carpenter from Casanova-Warrenton Pony Club. Hopefully, the Mini-Quiz Rally attendees will join Pony Club and be able to attend the full rally next year.

What’s next for the members who attended Quiz Rally this year? The Mega Minds are going to Dressage Rally next. Others will be heading to Horseless Rally where members are judged on everything as if it’s a real Eventing Rally (Except for one notable exception – they don’t bring their horse!). The Difficult Run Cuties explained that Horseless Rally “teaches us how a [mounted] rally goes without being so serious.” A few teams are planning on attending Championships. But, every team gave an emphatic “YES!” when asked if they were coming to Quiz Rally next year.

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Are You Smarter Than A Pony Clubber?

Here’s Your Chance To Test Your Horse Knowledge With Sample Quiz Rally Questions

- Q1: Describe a properly fitted snaffle bit and any requirements for use of particular snaffle bits.
- Q2: Define impulsion.
- Q3: Describe how to measure the height of a pony and the height definitions for horses and small, medium and large ponies.
- Q4: List the parts of the horse’s digestive tract in order as food passes through. Include the parts of the Large Intestine.
- Q5: What is Beet Pulp and why would you feed it to your horse?
- Q6: How can you tell if your horse is dehydrated and what are some things you can do to help?

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