

H-B Study Guide

Refer to the following materials when studying for the H-B, as well as to “recommended reading” from the H-B Standard.

Vol. I = USPC Manual of Horsemanship, D Level

Vol. II = USPC Manual of Horsemanship, C Level

Vol. III = USPC Manual of Horsemanship, B, H-A, A Level

Tack				
Identify bit categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snaffle • Pelham • Curb 	Volume I Pages 264-266	Volume II Page 157	Volume III Pages 253-262
Demonstrate action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snaffle • Pelham • Curb 	Volume I Pages 284-285		Volume III Pages 253-262
Identify different types of tack, discuss use and fit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridles • Nosebands • Saddles • Pads • Girths • Martingales • Breastplates • Cruppers • Boots 	Volume I Pages 286, 297	Volume II Pages 149-162	Volume III Pages 262-272
Fit Snaffle Bridle		Volume I Pages 284		Volume III Page 275-276
Nutrition				
Relate feeding principles to their effect on the mount's digestive system		Volume I Pages 199-200	Volume II Pages 167-168, 176-177	Volume III Pages 433-448, 471-487
Six classes of nutrients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six classes • Why needed • Primary sources 	Volume I Pages 200-204	Volume II Pages 168-173	Volume III Pages 433-444
Evaluate samples of hay, grain, and bedding for suitability and safety		Volume I Pages 204-205	Volume II Pages 123-125, 169	Volume III Pages 445-471
In your area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability • Cost • Origin of feed • Supplements • Seasonal variations 	Volume I Page 201	Volume II Page 202	Volume III Pages 445-471
Stable Management/Travel Safety				
Barn Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 safety practices/precautions in facility 		Volume II Pages 140-142	
Poisonous plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify 3 of 5 plants • When toxic • Parts toxic • Symptoms of poisoning 		Volume II Pages 134-138	

Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount preparation • Long/short distance • Vehicle/trailer checklist 	Volume I Pages 236-239	Volume II Pages 261-264	Volume III Pages 599-615
Conditioning				
Discuss how to prepare a horse to be conditioned for their activity of choice			Volume II Pages 224-246	Volume III Pages 423-430
8 week conditioning schedule			Volume II Pages 225-234	Volume III Pages 423-430
TPR's			Volume II Pages 194-198, 228-229	Volume III Pages 423-426
Veterinary				
Health Maintenance Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care • Feed schedule • Hoof care • Conditioning schedule • Years' worth 		Volume II Pages 198-200	
Teeth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age of presented mount • Overshot/undershot • Cribbing • Why float • Growth of teeth • Location of molars/incisors • Number of teeth 		Volume II Pages 189-193	Volume III Pages 488-497
Immunization and parasite prevention schedule		Volume I Pages 228-230	Volume II Pages 181-189	
Parasite life cycles and damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bots • Ascarids • Small/large strongyles • Pinworms • Tapeworms 		Volume II Pages 184-185	
Discuss symptoms and signs of a mount in distress (including vital signs) and care needed		Volume I Pages 224-227	Volume II Pages 194-198, 200-215	
Disease prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How diseases are spread • Stabled • Pastured 		Volume II Pages 200-205	
Causes, signs, symptoms, and prevention of diseases as well as care needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colic • Laminitis/founder • Azoturia/tying up • Flu • Strangles • Tetanus • Encephalomyelitis • Rhinopneumonitis 			Volume III Pages 514-537

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heaves • Choking • Skin and tooth problems • West Nile virus • Rabies 			
Foot and Shoeing				
Structure and their function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inner foot • Outer foot 	Volume I Page 216	Volume II Pages 251-259	Volume III Pages 394-402
Identify farrier tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nippers • Clinchers • Hoof knife 		Volume II Page 249	
Imitate shoe removal with tools		Ask farrier for demonstration		
Identify common types of shoes, materials, widths, and features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fullered grooves • Heels • Clips • Concave surface • Bar features • Studs 		Volume II Pages 255-259	
Conformation and Lameness				
Leg anatomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front leg • Hind leg • Bones • Tendons • Ligaments 		Volume II Pages 318-321	Volume III Pages 11-13
Mount conformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good points • Bad points • Relation to soundness • Relation to interfering, over-reaching, forging, brushing, paddling, winging 		Volume II Pages 320-344	Volume III Pages 371-383
Conformation leading to blemishes and unsoundness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base narrow • Base wide • Back at the knee • Bench knees • Knock knees • Cow hocks 		Volume II Pages 333-340	Volume III Pages 381-383
Cause of lameness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navicular • Sidebone • Ringbone • Splints • Osselets • Bog and bone spavins • Thoroughpins • Curb • Bowed tendon • Bucked Shins • Cracks 		Volume II Pages 333-344	Volume III Pages 383-393

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corns • Suspensory problems 			
Teaching				
Unmounted lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D-2-C-1 Level • 10 minutes 			Volume III Pages 285-323
Written plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flatwork • Jumping 			
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Check • Aspects of teaching 			
Letter from DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mounted lesson assistance (six hours of teaching recommended) 			