

## Junior Hippology Effort Problem Grooming

You will see five grooming tools displayed.

Choose two grooming tools and explain how you should use them to groom a horse.

You do not have to use more than two of the tools.

FIRST You should introduce yourself and explain what you will do (introduction)

NEXT You should show how to use the two tools you have chosen

LAST You should give a conclusion and offer to answer questions.

The pictures below show you the type of grooming tools that will be available. You do not need to cut up this paper. This paper allows you to prepare. Actual tools will be available in the judging area.



PLEASE REMEMBER: This is a *presentation*. Use your best speaking voice and smile!

If the hoof pick is used first, and the remaining items are used in order there is no penalty.

The **curry comb** is used first. It is used in a circular motion to loosen dirt, mud, and hair and massage skin and muscles. It should not be used on the head and lower legs if the horse is sensitive.

The **dandy brush** is used next. This is also called a **hard brush**. It may be used on all parts of the horse, but must be used gently on sensitive areas such as the head and lower legs. Some grooms and horses prefer just using the body brush in those areas. The dandy brush removes dirt and loose hair. It should be used in a flicking motion.

The **body brush** is used third. It is also known as a **soft brush**. It may be used on all areas, and is a polishing brush used to bring out the oils in the horse's coat to give a shine. It is used in long smooth motions.

The **grooming cloth** (also known as **rub rag or towel**) is used to remove dust and dirt from around the eyes and nostrils, and also may be used to remove the final dust from the horse's coat. The grooming cloth may not be necessary in preparing for a trail ride.

The **hoof pick** is used to clean the hooves. It must be used before and after riding (and minimally once daily if the horse is not being worked). The hoof pick is used in a heel to toe motion to clean out the hoof, including the area around the frog.