**Handling**

2-1 Proficient in Level 1 skills  
2-2 Fitting, grooming, and clipping—mane/tail/body/legs/feet  
2-3 Bathing a horse  
2-4 Ground-handling skills: walk, trot, stop, turn on hindquarters, back, and set up  
2-5 Demonstrate proper fit, adjustment, and safety of equipment  
2-6 Properly adjust stirrups  
2-7 Practice safety in handling skills—at all times

**Riding**

Test must be ridden one or two handed as correct for seat/discipline

2-8 Mount and dismount properly (may use mounting block)  
Demonstrate correct body position and upward and downward transitions using proper aids and maintaining an even pace:

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<td>increase the jog/trot</td>
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<td>turn while cantering and ride in both directions</td>
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<td>ride a circle both directions and do a figure 8 (simple lead change)</td>
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2-16 Drop and regain stirrups while at a walk and jog or trot  
2-17 Back 4–5 steps in a straight line  
2-18 Show a gradual and balanced halt from all gaits  
2-19 Leg yield at a walk—both directions  
2-20 Sidepass a minimum of 10 feet—both directions  
2-21 Show a simple lead change on straightaway—at least 3  
2-22 Walk and trot over 3–4 logs  
2-23 Open and close gate while mounted or dismounted  
2-24 Equipment, clothing, helmet (fit, condition, suitability, etc.)  
2-25 Overall attitude and confidence

*Check only if exceeds standards.

**Level 2 emphasizes building a solid foundation of horsemanship skills.**

To pass this level, the 4-H member must have mastered each skill of the test. Retest will only be on specific skills—not the entire test.

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