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What's On:

Portchester Horse & Pony Association

Show Jumping Rallies, Crofton Manor with Amanda Napleton. £10 per rider/horse. Lead rein 1-2pm, novice 2-3pm, intermediate 3-4pm. **Sun 6 Nov, Sun 11 Dec**

Flat Work Rally, Crofton Manor with Amanda Napleton. £10 per rider/horse. Lead rein & first ridden 1-2pm, intermediate 2-3pm. **Sun 27 Nov**

Rallies are for members only. New members always welcome.

Sun 18 Dec: Trip to Olympia. Contact Anita 023 92528936

For further details please contact Jo or Corrie on 023 9261 7841

Thurs 10 November: Christopher Bartle Lecture Demo, Merrist Wood Campus, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey. Contact Intelligent Horsemanship, Lethornes, Lambourn, Hungerford, Berks RG17 8QS. Tel: 01488 71300

Mon 21 November: Grid Work and Jumping with Pat Burgess, Hoplands Equestrian Centre. 2 x 3 hour sessions, starting 11.00am, £35. SAE to Events Secretary, Hoplands Equestrian Centre, Kings Somborne, Nr Stockbridge, Hampshire SO20 6QH. Web-site www.horsefair.co.uk

Thurs 1 December: An Evening with Yogi Breisner (British Eventing's Performance Manager), Merrist Wood Campus, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey. Contact Event Secretary 01483 884147

Mon 5 – Thurs 8 December: Mark Rashid Clinic, Hurstbourne Equestrian Centre, Hurstbourne Priors, Whitchurch. Mark is a well know American clinician and author of 4 well known books inc. Considering the Horse and A Good Horse is Never a Bad Colour. Details www.amandabarton.co.uk. Ring 01590 622393 or email amanda@barronandsmithers.com

Wed 22 February: An Evening with Andrew and Bettina Hoy, Merrist Wood Campus, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey. Contact Event Secretary 01483 884147

Thurs 23 February: Lecture Demo with Monty Roberts, Merrist Wood Campus, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey. Contact Intelligent Horsemanship, Lethornes, Lambourn, Hungerford, Berks RG17 8QS. Tel: 01488 71300

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Sat 5 November: Tack Fitting (Learn how to fit tack so it is comfortable for both horse and rider)

Sat 10 December: Travelling the Equine (Learn to trailer your horse safely)

Sat 4 February 2006: What to look for when buying a horse (Learn the skills needed to know what you should look for when buying a horse) To register please contact the Campus direct or visit www.guildford.ac.uk/mwSite/mw_index.aspx

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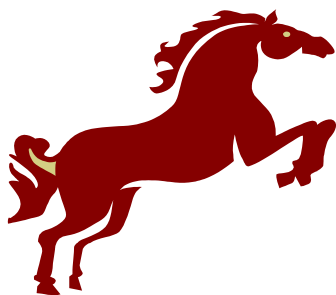
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DIY Clipping Tips

Clipping is one of the least pleasant equestrian pursuits as it is invariably lengthy, messy and can be frustrating if your horse is anything less than angelic. While there are experts who will happily come and clip your horses for a fee, some owners like to tackle it themselves and here are a few pointers to a successful clip.

It is important you choose a flat, well-lit area and set aside at least an hour. Make sure the clippers are in good working order, the blades are clean, oiled and sharp and electrical connections are safe. If using mains electricity, make sure you have a circuit breaker and the clipping area is clear so the cable cannot become tangled. Have everything on hand such as marker chalk, clipper oil, rugs, bandages, brushes, headcollar and a box to stand on. Wear a hard hat, protective overalls, a face mask and rubber-soled boots for safety.

Choose the right blades - standard blades are for general use while coarse blades are useful to clip hairy legs. But remember leg hair provides protection from the elements and minor injuries, while feathers can help protect the heels and pasterns from mud fever. If you clip leg hair, be prepared to bandage your horse's legs to give him extra warmth in his stable.

Horses with skin sensitised by irritations such as sweet itch or urticaria can find clipping uncomfortable. Avoid very fine blades that may hurt sore skin and ask your vet whether your clipper lubrication will adversely affect the condition.

Many horses are genuinely nervous about being clipped and it's a good idea to sew sheepskin inside the ears of a fly fringe to muffle the noise. The vibration from trimmers can upset some horses, so use less powerful trimmers. Hand-held tools such as a human hair trimming blade and a comb and scissors are simple solutions to tidying up straggly legs. Be especially careful with newly sharpened blades and keep the back of the clippers flat against the horse's skin. Make long movements rather than short strokes and smooth out any wrinkly areas with one hand to keep the skin taut. Have an assistant who can hold the horse's head and help placate him if he gets fidgety.

Getting straight lines is one of the fundamental parts of clipping and damp chalk is commonly used as a guideline, but it can rub off quickly. As an alternative, try masking tape. Take into account his body shape - prominent shoulders or a large tummy for instance. You can draw attention away from these problem areas with strategically placed, smooth lines. Beware of clipping higher and higher each side in order to make them match - better to have mismatching sides than not enough coverage for the saddle.



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Where there are changes of direction in the horse's hair growth such as on the stifle or under the gullet, always clip in the opposite direction to the hair. This involves turning the clippers in a circle around the "whorl" as you clip to get an even shape. If you are clipping a semi-circle on the stifle - on a blanket clip, for example - draw around something circular with chalk as a guideline and try to keep the clippers within this area.

Some horses seem prone to "tram lines" where you can see the line of the clippers depending on skin and coat condition. Blunt clipper blades can leave lines or steps so make sure they are sharp - you will then also find the job quicker and easier. To avoid the stripy look, use a light pressure with long strokes.

Clipping behind the elbow is a common problem area as the skin is very wrinkled. Ask your helper to pull the horse's foreleg forward to stretch the skin so you do not nick it - use one hand to flatten any extra flaps of skin and clip with the other hand. Consider using small trimmers if your horse is particularly narrow chested.

Many horses are wary of being clipped around the head so consider if you need to remove the head hair at all - just clipping to the middle of the cheeks can look tidy and reduces the risk of injury when clipping sensitive areas. If you want to clip the entire head, undo the head collar buckle but ensure the horse is still secure in case he is startled. You could also try using a loose-fitting bridle without the noseband. Other tips include cupping a hand over your horse's eyes or asking your assistant to hold his head. Use lightweight clippers as they are more accurate around bony areas and are much quieter. Use a box to reach the ears - trim long hair with scissors but do not trim

inside the ear. Keep the clippers parallel to the jaw as you clip around the chin.

If clipping the flanks, ensure you don't catch tail hairs in the blades by bandaging or plaiting it first. Hold it to one side and clip an inverted "V" shape around the top using chalk or tape to mask your line first. When clipping underneath the mane, flip it over to the opposite side of the neck or divide it into sections and secure with plaiting bands. Carefully clip the hair along the line of the mane, starting an inch below the hair line and moving up.

Last, but by no means least, don't forget the equine treats for a well-behaved horse!

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Where to Ride: Meon Valley Trail

The location This permissive bridleway, following the line of the old Meon Valley railway, crosses the county for approximately 11 miles from West Meon to Wickham. The majority of the trail is bordered by woodland, however when the trees open out the views over rolling hills, river valleys and villages are spectacular. The trail is crossed by the South Downs Way and borders a section of the Forest of Bere, giving perfect opportunity to extend your ride.

Important information No permit is required for this route. The path is multi-use, frequented by walkers and cyclists so care should be taken at all times.

Parking Wickham – small car park accessed from A334.
West Meon – car park in Station Road, at southern end of West Meon.

A Bit of Fun !! - Horse Astrology by Kim Devries

Scorpio (October 23 – November 22) The Scorpio horse has a natural dramatic intensity, deep sensitivity and tremendous staying power. This horse generally has a robust and strong build, with keenly penetrating eyes and a magnetic aura. Due to Pluto's rulership of Scorpio, the issue of power is a key in your relationship with your Scorpio horse. This horse will be deeply loyal to you if you treat it with gentleness, affection and firmness. If you take time to earn its trust by proving that you are a leader who is sensitive to its emotional needs, then it will give its all to you. If, however, you abuse your power by trying to bully or dominate the Scorpio horse with physical threats and intimidation, then you risk turning your horse into a frightened and dangerous being that will defend itself to the bitter end, regardless of the consequences. The Scorpio horse needs to be given opportunities to let off emotional steam, for its all-round well being. It is therefore important to integrate activities into your ongoing training routine, that provide this outlet, as well as give it reassurance of your trustworthiness as a leader. The Scorpio horse loves to play in water, and as clear water helps to remove negative energy, it would have an emotionally therapeutic effect on this horse. Like the scorpionic symbol of its sign, the Scorpio horse is naturally inscrutable, and does not trust easily, so is often misunderstood. As the sign of Scorpio rules the reproductive organs, this horse may be prone to difficulties in this area, if it holds onto negative emotions.

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