

Horses & Ponies Etcetera!

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Level 1 Issue 4: The Grooming Kit

A series of educational fact sheets by the Equine Therapy Center, with Monty and Timothy.

Included below are the most common contents of a grooming kit.

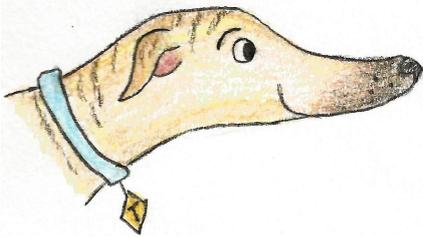


Why is it important to groom a horse?

1. It keeps the horse's coat and skin in good condition.
2. It gives us chance to check the horse for any injuries (eg: cuts, scrapes and bruises).
3. It is important bonding time, horses groom each other as a gesture of friendship.
4. A horse should have any dirt or mud removed from its saddle and bridle areas before it can be ridden, to ensure the tack doesn't rub.

	Plastic Curry Comb This is used to remove mud & loose hair.		Body Brush This is a soft brush which removes dust & hair.
	Metal Curry Comb This is used to remove mud & loose hair.		Dandy Brush This brush has stiff bristles, good for removing mud.
	Rubber Curry Comb This removes mud & hair, & is moved in a circular motion.		Water Brush This brush is used to brush off a horse's hooves.
	Mane & Tail Brush This is used to brush out tangles in the mane & tail.		Sweat Scraper This is used to remove sweat or water.
	Mane & Tail Comb This is used to comb out tangles in the mane & tail.		Hoof Pick This is used to clean mud & stones from the hooves.

I'm having trouble matching the brushes to their descriptions...



Help Timothy match the names of the brushes to the right description.

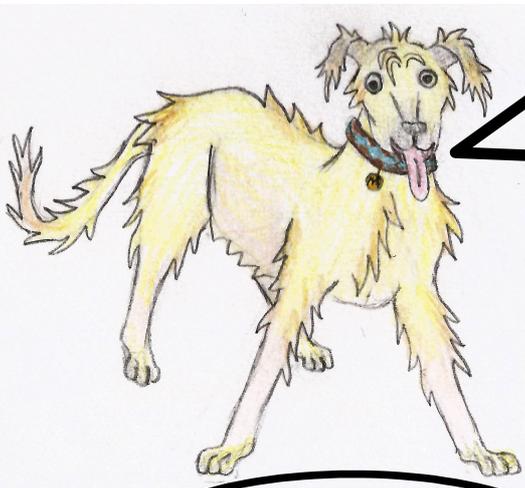
The Grooming Kit

1. I have soft bristles & can be used on a horse's face
2. I am used in a circular motion, to remove mud & hair
3. I am good at untangling long hair
4. I am used to clean the underside of a horse's hooves
5. I have stiff bristles to get rid of dust & mud

- A. Dandy Brush
- B. Mane & Tail Brush/ Comb
- C. Rubber Curry Comb
- D. Body Brush
- E. Hoof Pick

Facts about Grooming-

1. Horses groom each other with their lips, tongue and teeth.
2. A horse's skin releases oils and grease which acts as protection against the rain.
3. Horses shouldn't be over brushed as this removes the natural oils from their coat.
4. Horses have a winter coat which is thick and fluffy, and a thinner summer coat.



This weeks Quiz looks tricky!



The Bridle-

1. Which part of the bridle goes in the horse's mouth?
2. What material can a bridle be made out of?
3. Which part of the bridle does the rider hold in their hands? And what are these used for?
4. What is the name of the part that goes under the horse's forelock?