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Are you ready for your D* Proficiency Certificate?

Can you get ready for riding, communicate with your horse or pony, and ride safely on the flat, over poles and a small jump? You should think about going for your D* certificate and booking an assessment if you can do the following:

With your horse do you know the concepts and use of:

- Pressure-release training
- Reward
- Punishment
- Habituation?

Can you show:

- How to lead your horse, including stop and go, slow, step back and turn the shoulders and hindquarters
- How to put on and take off a saddle and bridle
- How to fit a noseband correctly?

When riding, do you know how to:

- Ride with good balance at a trot and canter and transition between gaits
- Increase and decrease your speed
- Do some mounted games
- Ride over poles and small jumps (up to 45cm)
- Ride in a group and on the road?

Have you learnt:

- Signs of a healthy horse and how to do a daily check
- The 5 freedoms for horse welfare
- Grooming including the tail
- The parts of the hoof and how to care for it
- Some common illnesses and how to prevent or treat them
- Care of saddlery?

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