

# Pony Club

Lesson Plan

Lesson Topic: Rules of Good Feeding

**Objective of Lesson:** To teach students about basic rules for good feeding.

**How the lesson is explained:**

The following is a basic abbreviated list.

- Feed in small amounts
- Feed plenty of roughage
- Feed according to size, condition, age, breed, temperament and work done.
- All change in feed should be made gradually.
- Feed on a regular schedule
- Feed only clean, good-quality hay and grain.
- Keep feed tubs and feeders and water buckets clean.
- Clean, fresh water must be available at all times.
- Do not ride your horse or pony when his stomach is full.
- Learn how your horse or pony normally eats.
- If the horse or pony is kept with others, be sure they are all getting plenty to eat.
- Give water first, then hay, and last, grain.

**How to demonstrate the lesson:**

Demonstrate feeding a stalled horse or pony. Provide clean buckets and quality fresh water, hay and grain (salt available too). Supply water first, then hay and a bit of grain, following principles listed above.

**How students will apply and practice what they are learning in this lesson:**

Ask students questions about the rules of feeding. Ask them each to recall a rule (or more) related to each part of the horse or pony's diet (water, roughage, concentrates and salt). If possible, have them explain what the reason is and then ask also about rules relating to feeding horses in a pasture instead of a stall.

**How the lesson is reviewed and wrapped up:**

Review with students on the previous step.

**Reference:**

USPC Manual of Horsemanship: Basics for Beginners D- Level (2nd Edition) pages 203-207

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**Lesson Topic:** Stall Set Up – Bedding, Buckets, Hay Nets

**Objective of Lesson:** To teach students how to properly and safely set up a stall for day and overnight, either at home or at a horse show.

**Needed:**

- 1-2 Stalls
- 4- 5 gallon water buckets
- 2 feed tubs
- bedding
- double-ended snaps
- hay net or hay bag
- stall guard (optional)

**How the lesson is explained:**

- Discuss reasons and demonstrate the set up of a stall. Include:
  - Stall set up-check stall for sharp objects, make sure stall is safe
- Discuss types of bedding appropriate for use. (Shavings, straw, pellets, newspaper, etc.)
  - Bedding, how much and different options and types of bedding available and reasons for using different types of bedding. What is most important, little dust or absorbent qualities, cost, availability etc.
- Discuss safety concerns in setting up a stall
  - Buckets: remember height and use of bucket for water/feed etc. Buckets should be at shoulder height, too low or too high can be a problem.
  - How to handle hay net or hay bag if being used. Big safety concern here, on type of hay net and how it is tied. Is it removed when they are done feeding? Same issues with a hay bag used in a stall.
  - How to use a stall guard, pro's and con's and any safety concerns?

**How to demonstrate the lesson:**

Begin by giving the students all of the necessary tools to set up a stall (buckets, bedding, stall guards, hay net/bag). If two stalls are available you can have the students split into groups. Ask the students to work together to create a safe stall set up. Everything could be set up except the bedding if the stall is not going to be used so you are not wasting bedding.

Instructor observes and helps as needed. Have the students discuss their stall set-up and help the groups to determine if everything is in the right place, height, tied correctly etc.

**How students will apply and practice what they are learning in this lesson:**

If students were broken up into more than one group, gather them back together. Instructor and group to review each stall set up and discuss and correct any mistakes or answer any questions they may have.

**How the lesson is reviewed and wrapped up:**

Review the points that were done correctly in the stalls and the safety issues that should be kept in mind when setting up a stall.

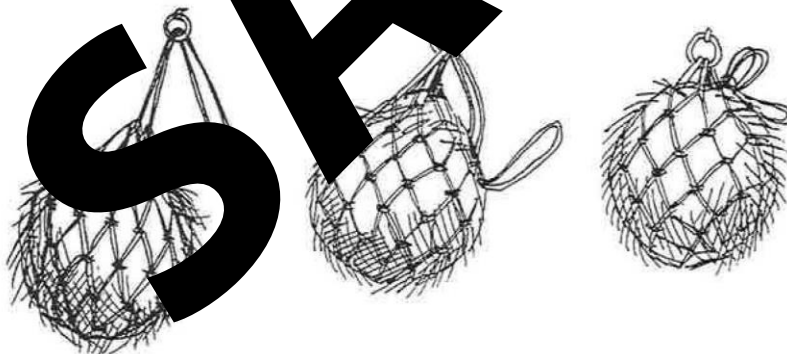
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See excerpt from USPC Manual:

## Using a Hay Net

A *hay net* is used to carry and feed hay to a pony. A hay net is a bag made of rope or plastic twine with one end that opens and closes with a drawstring. There are also hay bags, which are usually closed on both sides and have a opening on one side to allow for eating. Hay nets and hay bags are used when you want to give hay to a pony when he is tied to a trailer or in some place where it is not good to feed hay on the ground. Some hay nets are made with very small holes in the netting,



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