GROOMING FOR A SHOW

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1.

Clipping

a. Supplies

1. Medium Clippers

2. Blades: #10, #20, #30, #40

3. Blade Wash

4. Cool Lube

b. Face

1. Eyes #40 or #30 (Top and Bottom) Stay away from eyelashes

2. Muzzle #40 or #30

3. Jaw Line #10 or #15 depending on coat of horse

4. Cheek Bone #10 or #15 depending on coat of horse

5. Ears #15 outside, if you clip the inside use #40

c. Bridle Path #15 or #30 depending on horses coat

d. Legs #15

1. Fetlocks

2. Pasterns

3. Coronet Band

4. Blend hair

II.

Sanding

a. Supplies

1. Sand Paper and/or Block Sander

2. Hoof Stand/ Cinder block

3. Sand Paper; Coarse, Medium, and Fine

b. Clean Hooves

c. Coarse Sand paper

1. Gets rid of the bulk of debris

d. Medium

1. Smoothes roughness

e. Fine

1. Finishes smoothing and polishes

2. Sand until dark hooves are a steel gray color.

3. Sand white hooves until they feel extremely smooth.

4. BE CAREFUL! You can bruise and/or burn the hoof by getting it too hot.

5. Touch the hooves often while sanding to check for heat.

III.

Bathing

a. Supplies

1. Water preferably warm

2. Baby Shampoo for face

3. Regular Shampoo, if you prefer for body

4. Conditioner for mane and tail

5. For white socks and white horses use products designed especially for white coats. ex. Premiere's White Magic

6. Scrubbing mitt for the body

7. large sponge for face and body

8. Scrub brush for hooves

9. Bucket for face water. Please do not spray your horse in the face.

10.Sweat Scraper

11.Towels

12.Show Sheen

b. Washing

1. Shampoo horse all over including the dock of tail. Don't forget to scrub places where the sun don't shine!

2. Apply whitener to all areas rinse according to directions

3. Scrub horse with mitt in circular motion

4. Condition mane and tail

5. Scrub hooves with scrub brush

6. Fill bucket with clean water, add small amount of baby shampoo, dip sponge and scrub horses face (It is a good idea

to apply cotton inside the ears so that water cannot enter.)

7. Dump bucket and rinse horses face with clean water using

sponge

8. Rinse entire body

9. Rinse! Rinse and rinse again!

c. Drying

1. Using sweat scraper remove excess water (Do not go below

the knees or hocks) use hands or towels to dry legs beneath the knees and hocks. Your horse will thank you!

2. Spray Show Sheen according to directions (DO NOT apply

to saddle or girth area)

3. Let stand until FULLY dry!

IV.

V.

Horse Clothing

a. Supplies

1. Polo Wraps (be careful not to get too tight)

2. Sheet, cooler or blanket (depending on weather)

3. Thin hood(if you own one)

4. Tail bag

a. Dress the horse

b. Give him a treat for putting up with all of this and put him away until it's time to load for the show

At the Show

a. Supplies

1. Clipper for missed hairs

2. Soft Brush

3. Face Brush

4. Mane and Tail Brush

5. Sweat Scraper

6. Bucket and Baby Shampoo (for green spots)

7. Rags

8. Baby Wipes

9. Baby oil or Vaseline for highlights (optional)

10. Pepi or Grand Champion (body spray for extra shine)

11. Plyboard or concrete area to polish hooves

12. Hoof brush

13. Hoof pick

14. Steel Wool

15. Liquid Shoe Polish (use before hoof polish and let dry

16. Hoof Polish (Black and Clear) Apply a thin coat

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MODIFY ANY OF THIS ACCORDING TO YOUR NEEDS. OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, WE HAVE FOUND THIS TO GET THE BEST RESULTS FOR US. HAVE A GREAT SHOW YEAR!!!