



# HorseSense Learning Levels

## TIPS FOR SCAVENGER HUNTS

- 🐾 Files have one **Master Scoresheet** and one **Item List**; print one **Item List** for each team.
- 🐾 You'll also need to provide a clipboard and pencil for each team.
- 🐾 The instructor will need some way to keep track of time.
- 🐾 Items are pretty generic, but you can always copy and paste the list to a new document to modify it.
- 🐾 Depending upon the size of the groups and the number of items, this can take anywhere from 45-90 minutes. Allow enough time:
  - ✓ for a quick briefing
  - ✓ for kids to find most of the items
  - ✓ to go over each item, with any necessary discussion of that item's use -- because going over items is a teaching moment
  - ✓ for them to put stuff away while you tally up the scores (and optionally to check that items are properly stored)
- 🐾 Give 5-minute and 30-second time warnings: after each warning you will have to remind one or more kids not to run.
- 🐾 They rarely get everything put away correctly – you will likely have to check behind them.
- 🐾 A few rules for our scavenger hunts that you might want to consider:
  - ✓ No running or shouting – violators must sit in "time out" for 5 minutes.
  - ✓ Go over areas of barn/arena/trailer/farm that are off limits -- including all areas in which there is a loose horse or boarder's tack/equipment.
  - ✓ Any item that can be easily carried should be brought to the team's designated spot.
  - ✓ Teams can point out or describe the location of any item that cannot be easily carried (eg, signs).
  - ✓ Remind them to note location of all items because they must put everything back in its proper place.
  - ✓ Team members should work together to locate items – but cannot interact with other teams or ask questions of instructors.
  - ✓ Tell them "If in doubt: guess!" *Although one year this produced a shedding blade for "item used for sheath cleaning" .... the kids still talk about that one!*
  - ✓ Scoring is simple: we go down the list one item at a time and teams produce the item. Correct items earn a point.
  - ✓ More advanced hunts will require teams to produce some items with multiple answers that are different from the other team's items (eg, *item used for fly control*) – we alternate which team produces their item first to make this fair.
  - ✓ If you don't have some of the items (eg., horse breed) you can provide magazines and catalogs and let them produce the photo.
  - ✓ We DON'T recommend letting them use their cell phones to take photos of items. We tried this once, and one team did the whole thing on their phones - never picked up an item!

## SCAVENGER HUNT

*Items in red may have more than one correct answer, so the second team to answer must produce an item that the other team does not have.*

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

- brick to lick
- used to remove bot eggs
- item used to disinfect water troughs
- one item used for a stable bandage
- secures horse in stall
- name of local equine veterinarian
- gullet
- item used to determine horse's weight
- anything displaying a numeral = number of beats in a canter
- used to control internal parasites
- breed type present on this facility
- take this with you on a trail ride
- tool used when conditioning a horse
- item in a grid of trot poles
- saddle tree
- used to check the fit of a horse's bridle
- used to clean equine wounds
- used to protect wounds from infection
- used to disinfect first aid kit tools
- self-adhesive bandage
- one item used for TPR
- Coggins test
- removes a horse's winter coat
- item used to control flies
- lose this to improve your seat in the saddle

## SCAVENGER HUNT - MASTER SCORESHEET

Enter points - or an X - for each team's correct answer. *Note: Items in red may have more than one correct answer, so the second team to answer must produce an item that the other team does not have.*

DIRECTIVES	CORRECT ITEMS	TEAM 1	TEAM 2
	<i>team names:</i>		
brick to lick	<i>salt or mineral brick/block</i>		
used to remove bot eggs	<i>bot knife or brick or ... admit it, your fingernail</i>		
item used to clean water troughs	<i>hose, scrub brush, bleach</i>		
<b>one item used for a stable bandage</b>	<i>stable wrap, quilted leg bandage</i>		
secures horse in stall	<i>stall guard or latch on solid door</i>		
name of local equine veterinarian	<i>vet contact info posted in barn</i>		
gullet	<i>show location on saddle</i>		
item used to determine horse's weight	<i>height/weight tape, calculator for exact measurement</i>		
anything displaying a numeral = number of beats in a canter	<i>any item with the numeral 3</i>		
used to control internal parasites	<i>any type of dewormer</i>		
<b>breed type present on this facility</b>	<i>correct breed types for your horses</i>		
<b>take this with you on a trail ride</b>	<i>phone, first aid kit, halter, map, etc.</i>		
<b>tool used when conditioning a horse</b>	<i>calendar, watch or clock, longeing equipment</i>		
item in a grid of trot poles	<i>ground pole</i>		
saddle tree	<i>describe location on saddle</i>		
used to check the fit of a horse's bridle	<i>two fingers or fist</i>		
used to clean equine wounds	<i>appropriate disinfectant, water hose</i>		
used to protect wounds from infection	<i>antibacterial ointment or powder, bandages</i>		
used to disinfect first aid kit tools	<i>isopropyl alcohol or wipes</i>		
self-adhesive bandage	<i>Vetwrap or equivalent</i>		
<b>one item used for TPR</b>	<i>watch or clock, thermometer, stethoscope</i>		
Coggins test	<i>copies posted in barn</i>		
removes a horse's winter coat	<i>shedding blade or brick, currycomb, clippers</i>		
<b>item used to control flies</b>	<i>feed-through supplement, barn fans, fly spray, fly masks, fly predators, etc.</i>		
<b>lose this to improve your seat in the saddle</b>	<i>stirrups, reins, or saddle</i>		
<b>25 ITEMS</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>		