



LEARNtoCARE LEVEL 1 EVALUATION

PARTICIPANT ATTIRE

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- ✓ Hard soled, heeled, ankle boots or higher
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- ✓ Well-fitted, collared shirt tucked into pants with a belt is recommended
- ✓ Gloves are recommended
- ✓ Hair must be kept tidy and out of the way

PRACTICAL EVALUATION CHECKLIST

The practical evaluation is completed in the barn or stable, under the supervision of a certified LearnTo Evaluator and includes skills relating to the topics covered in the LearnToCare Levels 1-2 manual.

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Use the LearnToCare Level 1 Checklist to see if you are ready to be evaluated:

	✓
Describe a horse's colour	
Identify up to 10 parts of a horse	
Describe common face markings	
Describe common leg markings	
Safely approach a horse	
Identify parts of the halter	
Identify different types of lead ropes	
Put on and remove a halter	
Lead a horse forward	
Stop a horse in hand	
Turn a horse in hand	
Groom a horse using: Hoof Pick, Curry Comb, Dandy Brush, Body Brush	
Feed a treat and discuss what types of treats are best to offer	
Name 3 barn safety rules	
Move around horses with awareness of safety and body language	



LEARNtoCARE LEVEL 2 EVALUATION

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Use the LearnToCare Level 2 Checklist to see if you are ready to be evaluated:

	✓
Identify face markings	
Identify body markings	
Identify a horse's colour	
Identify up to 20 parts of a horse	
Tell the number of beats to a horse's walk	
Tell the number of beats to a horse's trot/jog	
Tell the number of beats to a horse's canter/lope	
Discuss common breeds	
Discuss how to safely turn out a horse	
Name 2 different stall beddings	
Name 2 tools used to clean a stall	
Name 2 essential feeding needs for a horse	
Turn a horse in hand	
Reverse a horse in hand	
Tie a quick release knot	
Groom a horse using: Hoof Pick, Curry Comb, Dandy Brush, Body Brush, Sponges, Mane Comb, Tail Brush, Towel	
Name up to 4 reasons to groom a horse	



Name 4 basic parts of the hoof	
Discuss basic care of the hooves	
Name 3 barn safety rules	
Move around horses safely	



LEARNtoCARE LEVEL 3 EVALUATION

The LearnToCare Level 3 Evaluation includes two sections:

1. Written Exam
2. Practical Evaluation

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WRITTEN EXAM CHECKLIST

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Use the LearnToCare Level 3 Checklist to see if you are ready to take the written exam.

	✓
The horse's flight response	
Stereotypic behaviours	
Horse height	
Horse weight	
Body Condition Score	
Conformation standards and faults	
Stall sizes	
Stall floor materials	
Stall doorways	
Stall fittings	
Ways to safely restrain a horse	
How to safely turn out a horse	
How to care for grooming tools	



Basic mane and tail care	
Grooming horses that live outside	
Types of hay and how to identify good quality	
Golden rules of feeding	
How to water horses inside and outside	
Caring for unshod feet	
Common farrier tools and terms	
Identify when feet are due for a trim or reset	
Common types of hoof unsoundness	
Signs of a healthy horse	
T.P.R. (Temperature, Pulse, and Respiration) - How to take it and normal ranges	
Common parasites	
Signs of parasite infection	

PRACTICAL EVALUATION CHECKLIST

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At all levels, participants who are physically unable to complete a task in the evaluation will demonstrate, direct, and/or discuss the tasks where appropriate.

Use the LearnToCare Level 3 Checklist to see if you are ready to be evaluated:

	✓
Put on a blanket that has belly straps and leg straps	
Remove a blanket that has belly straps and leg straps	
Identify three types of blankets and discuss their uses	
Discuss ways to restrain a horse	
Discuss how to safely turn out a horse	
Discuss rules for grooming horses who live outside	
Identify stall fittings	



LEARNtoCARE LEVEL 4 EVALUATION

The LearnToCare Level 4 Evaluation includes two sections:

1. Written Exam
2. Practical Evaluation

PARTICIPANT ATTIRE

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- ✓ Hard soled, heeled, ankle boots or higher
- ✓ Fitted, long pants, breeches, or jeans
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- ✓ Gloves are recommended
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Use the LearnToCare Level 4 Checklist to see if you are ready to take the written exam.

	✓
Teeth – types and how age relates to teeth	
Stable construction – storage, tack room, fencing, gates, ventilation, lighting	
Stalls – sizes, flooring, doorways, fittings	
Controlling flies	
Blanketing	
Common hoof unsoundness	
Horse first aid kit	
Signs of an ill horse	
Caring for an ill horse	
Biosecurity	
Choking	
Heaves	
Cracked heels	



Colic	
Daily paddock checklist	
Bandages and their uses – Stable, shipping, polo	
Parasite control	
Skin conditions	
Horse movement	

PRACTICAL EVALUATION CHECKLIST

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Use the LearnToCare Level 4 Checklist to see if you are ready to be evaluated:

	✓
Show how to measure a horse's height	
Apply a stable bandage to a front and hind leg	
Demonstrate how to take a horse's temperature	
Demonstrate how to take a horse's respiration rate	
Demonstrate how to take a horse's pulse	
Discuss and provide basic demonstration of how to safely restrain a horse	



LEARNtoCARE LEVEL 5 EVALUATION

The LearnToCare Level 5 Evaluation includes two sections:

1. Written Exam
2. Practical Evaluation

PARTICIPANT ATTIRE

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- ✓ Hard soled, heeled, ankle boots or higher
- ✓ Fitted, long pants, breeches, or jeans
- ✓ Well-fitted, collared shirt tucked into pants with a belt is recommended
- ✓ Gloves are recommended
- ✓ Hair must be kept tidy and out of the way

LUNGING PHASE TACK AND TURNOUT

- ✓ Bell boots or over-reach boots on the front legs
- ✓ Protective boots or bandages on all four legs
- ✓ Bridle with throatlatch and snaffle bit
- ✓ Side reins with rubber donut or elastic panel
- ✓ Surcingle, English saddle, or Western saddle
- ✓ Lunge line at least 8m (26 feet) long
- ✓ Lunge whip
- ✓ Well-fitted lunging cavesson is recommended
- ✓ Flat leather or nylon breakaway halter (if using halter over or under bridle lunge line attachment method)

Not permitted:

- ✗ Rope halters
- ✗ Shank bits

WRITTEN EXAM CHECKLIST

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Use the LearnToCare Level 5 checklist to see if you are ready to take the written exam:

	✓
Parts of the foreleg	
Parts of the hind leg	
Bathing	
Clipping	
Trimming	
Braiding	
Pasture management	
Outdoor shelters	
Managing horse related waste responsibly	
Pasture feeding	
Grains and concentrates	
Protein sources	
Feeding – Fibre, forages, minerals, nutrients, vitamins	
Removing a loose shoe	
Faulty flight patterns	
Winter shoes	
Types of shoes	
Signs of good shoeing	
Shoeing with pads	
Corks/borium	
Horse dental care	
Wounds	
Soft tissue injury	
Describe what lameness looks like	
Hydration and dehydration	
Common ailments (fever, shock, inflammation, edema, arthritis)	
Common vaccinations	
Bandaging: Foot bandage, poultice	
Common conformation faults	
Common unsoundness	
Trailer: Horse protection, preparing for travel, safety	

PRACTICAL EVALUATION CHECKLIST

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Use the LearnToCare Level 5 Checklist to see if you are ready to be evaluated:

	✓
Demonstrate jogging a horse in-hand (as if for a veterinary assessment)	
Apply a shipping bandage to a front leg	
Apply a shipping bandage to a hind leg	
Lunging:	
Prepare a horse's equipment to lunge	
Demonstrate holding the lunge line and whip safely	
Discuss how to safely change the direction on the lunge	
Demonstrate basic safe lunging technique (walk and trot only)	
Safely prepare the horse to exit the lunging area	



LEARNtoCARE LEVEL 6 EVALUATION

The LearnToCare Level 6 Evaluation includes two sections:

1. Written Exam
2. Practical Evaluation

PARTICIPANT ATTIRE

- ✓ ASTM/SEI or BSI/BS EN approved helmets with safety harness correctly fastened are recommended for the practical evaluation and required for the lunging phase
- ✓ Hard soled, heeled, ankle boots or higher
- ✓ Fitted, long pants, breeches, or jeans
- ✓ Well-fitted, collared shirt tucked into pants with a belt is recommended
- ✓ Gloves are recommended
- ✓ Hair must be kept tidy and out of the way

LUNGING PHASE TACK AND TURNOUT

- ✓ Bell boots or over-reach boots on the front legs
- ✓ Protective boots or bandages on all four legs
- ✓ Bridle with throatlatch and snaffle bit
- ✓ Side reins with rubber donut or elastic panel
- ✓ Surcingle, English saddle, or Western saddle
- ✓ Lunge line at least 8m (26 feet) long
- ✓ Lunge whip
- ✓ Well-fitted lunging cavesson is recommended
- ✓ Flat leather or nylon breakaway halter (if using halter over or under bridle lunge line attachment method)

Not permitted:

- ✗ Rope halters
- ✗ Shank bits

WRITTEN EXAM CHECKLIST

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Use the LearnToCare Level 6 checklist to see if you are ready to take the written exam:

	✓
Digestive system	
Horse biomechanics	
Tattoos	
Brands	
Assessing conformation	
Determining age	
Removing a loose shoe	
Faulty flight patterns	
Winter shoes	
Types of shoes	
Signs of good shoeing	
Shoeing with pads	
Corks/borium	
Pasture feeding	
Grains/Concentrates/Protein Sources/Additional Fibre	
Nutrients/Minerals/Vitamins	
Forages	
Feeding program	
Dental care	
Wounds and soft tissue injuries	
Describe what riding a lame, tired or stressed horse feels like and the dangers	
Hydration and dehydration	
Fever/Shock/Inflammation	
Edema	
Arthritis	
Vaccinations and common ailments	
Conformation and unsoundness	

PRACTICAL EVALUATION CHECKLIST

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Use the LearnToCare Level 6 Checklist to see if you are ready to be evaluated:

	✓
Apply a foot bandage and discuss its uses	
Demonstrate cleaning out a stall with efficiency, effectiveness and safety	
Discuss proper management of waste	
Point to and discuss 3 potential sites of common blemishes or unsoundness	
Lunging:	
Prepare a horse in their equipment to lunge	
Keep the horse active and moving forward	
Keep a circle that does not get too small	
Avoid wandering on the lunging circle	
Understanding free forward movement	
Ability to recognize horse behind the bit or over bent	
Understanding the need to change direction	
Effective use of voice commands and tone of voice.	
Demonstrate basic safe lunging technique (walk & trot only)	
Safely prepare horse to exit the lunging area	



LEARNtoCARE LEVEL 7 EVALUATION

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1. Written Exam
2. Practical Evaluation

PARTICIPANT ATTIRE

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- ✓ Fitted, long pants, breeches, or jeans
- ✓ Well-fitted, collared shirt tucked into pants with a belt is recommended
- ✓ Gloves are recommended
- ✓ Hair must be kept tidy and out of the way

LUNGING PHASE TACK AND TURNOUT

- ✓ Bell boots or over-reach boots on the front legs
- ✓ Protective boots or bandages on all four legs
- ✓ Bridle with throatlatch and snaffle bit
- ✓ Side reins with rubber donut or elastic panel
- ✓ Surcingle, English saddle, or Western saddle
- ✓ Lunge line at least 8m (26 feet) long
- ✓ Lunge whip
- ✓ Well-fitted lunging cavesson is recommended
- ✓ Flat leather or nylon breakaway halter (if using halter over or under bridle lunge line attachment method)

Not permitted:

- ✗ Rope halters
- ✗ Shank bits



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Use the LearnToCare Level 7 checklist to see if you are ready to take the written exam:

	✓
Sheath and udder cleaning	
Corrective shoeing	
Thermoregulation	
Horse body condition	
Conditioning	
Proud flesh	
Infection	
Heat stress	
Cold	
Systemic unsoundness	
Ulcers	
Tying up	
Trailer safety	
Feed/water during travel	
Ground driving/long lining	
Double lunging	

PRACTICAL EVALUATION CHECKLIST

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Use the LearnToCare Level 7 Checklist to see if you are ready to be evaluated:

	✓
Demonstrate and discuss the application of a tail bandage	
Demonstrate and discuss a figure-eight bandage on a knee or hock	
Discuss own horse's feeding program in relation to their requirements	
Discuss udder and sheath cleaning	
Lunging:	
Prepare a horse in their equipment to lunge	



Keep a horse active and moving forward	
Keep a circle that does not get too small	
Lunger does not wander with the horse	
Understanding of free forward movement on the lunge	
Recognize a horse behind the bit or over bent	
Demonstrate change of direction on the lunge	
Effective use of aids, including voice commands and tone of voice	
Consolidated lunging technique at walk and trot/jog	
Discuss how to ensure a safe, positive environment for the horse	
Safely prepare the horse to exit the lunging area	



LEARNtoCARE LEVEL 8 EVALUATION

The LearnToCare Level 8 Evaluation includes two sections:

1. Written Exam
2. Practical Evaluation

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LUNGING PHASE TACK AND TURNOUT

- ✓ Bell boots or over-reach boots on the front legs
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- ✓ Bridle with throatlatch and snaffle bit
- ✓ Side reins with rubber donut or elastic panel
- ✓ Surcingle, English saddle, or Western saddle
- ✓ Lunge line at least 8m (26 feet) long
- ✓ Lunge whip
- ✓ Well-fitted lunging cavesson is recommended
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Not permitted:

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Use the LearnToCare Level 8 checklist to see if you are ready to take the written exam:

	✓
Equine digestive system	
Thermoregulation	
Horse body condition	
Conditioning	
Proud flesh	
Infection	
Heat stress	
Cold	
Systemic unsoundness	
Ulcers	
Tying up	
Botulism	
Cooling legs/feet after hard work	
Safe trailering practices	
Trailer construction	
Feed/water during travel	
Ground driving/long lining	
Double lunging	

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Use the LearnToCare Level 8 Checklist to see if you are ready to be evaluated:

	✓
Demonstrate and discuss the application of a spider bandage	
Name and locate five sites of unsoundness	
Discuss possible prevention and treatment of the sites named above	
Lunging:	
Prepare a horse in their equipment to lunge	
Keep a horse active and moving forward	
Keep a circle that does not get too small	
Lunger does not wander with the horse	
Understanding of free forward movement on the lunge	
Recognize a horse behind the bit or over bent	



Demonstrate change of direction on the lunge	
Effective use of aids, including voice commands and tone of voice	
Consolidated lunging technique at walk and trot/jog	
Safely prepare the horse to exit the lunging area	