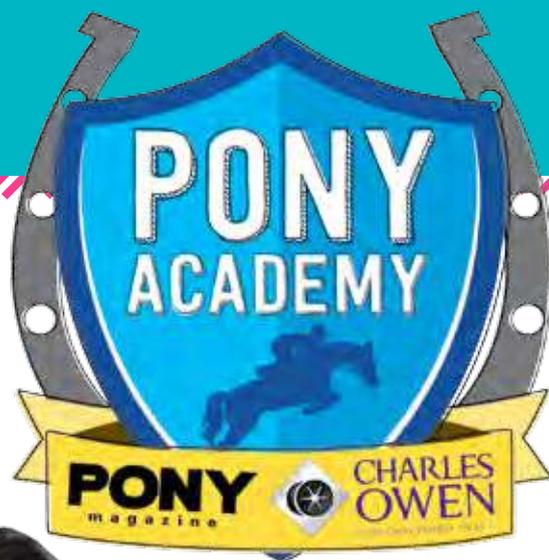




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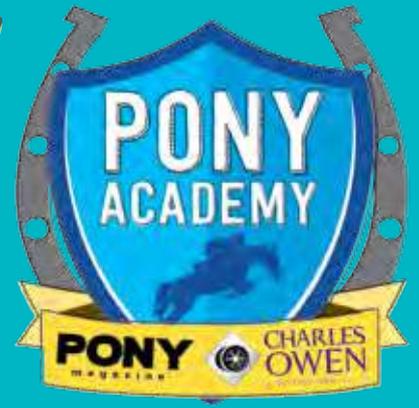
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THIS MONTH:

Loading and unloading



This month, our paper is all about loading and unloading! Answer as many questions as you can, but don't worry if there's an answer you don't know – you can still send us your paper for marking. **This paper is based on the Pony essentials: Loading and unloading features that appeared in the February and March 2017 issues of PONY.**

1

What protective kit does your pony need to wear while he's travelling?

- His saddle and bridle, so you're ready to go as soon as you arrive at your destination!
- A headcollar and leadrope to tie him up, travel boots to protect his legs and a tail guard to prevent his tail getting rubbed
- Overreach boots, reflective brushing boots and a rug

2

What's the best way to lead your pony up the ramp?

- Walk up the ramp ahead of him so he can follow you
- Sling the leadrope over his neck and stand at the top of the ramp shaking his feed bucket – he'll be up there in no time!
- Stay by his shoulder and confidently lead him straight up the centre of the ramp



3

How should you secure your pony in the lorry or trailer?

- Tie him up with a quick-release knot, short enough that he won't get tangled up but can still move his head
- There's no need to tie him up because he won't be able to move anyway
- Using a quick-release knot, but really loose so he can turn around

4

Why's it important to always have a helper when you're loading and unloading?

- So you don't get lonely while you're getting everything ready
- Your helper can hold your pony while you secure the partition, and can help you lift and lower the ramp
- You need someone to muck out your trailer or lorry out for you before you load

5

Does your pony need a rug on when he's travelling?

- Yes, a thick one because it can be chilly with the breeze, even in the summer
- Not really, but a waterproof turnout might be useful to pack anyway
- It depends on how warm it is – in the winter a fleece or cooler might be useful, but in the summer or if he's got company he probably won't need one

6 When you're preparing to unload, at what point should you untie your pony?

- Before you open the partitions, so that if he tries to rush out he won't get caught or hurt himself
- He'll probably have untied himself by the time you're ready!
- Once you've secured the partitions open

7 What safety gear do you need to wear while you're loading and unloading?

- Who needs safety gear?! If it's a nice summer's day, just make sure you've got your shades on!
- Your riding hat, sturdy boots and gloves to prevent rope burn if your pony rushes off the lorry
- Your riding hat, just in case your pony knocks into you



8 How should you lead your pony down the ramp?

- Let him follow you down the middle of the ramp
- Walk slightly behind him – he'll know the best route down
- Lead him straight down the middle, staying by his shoulder to encourage him to walk steadily and not rush

9 What's the best way to secure your pony to your lorry or trailer?

- Tie him to a thin piece of baler twine, using a quick-release knot so that if he pulls back he doesn't hurt himself or damage your lorry or trailer
- Loop his reins through the baler twine
- Using a quick-release knot, tie him straight to the tie-up ring

10 When you get home, what should you do after you've unloaded your pony?

- Chill out, you're done for the day!
- Muck out and sweep your lorry or trailer to keep the floor clean and in good condition, then make sure it's locked up
- Lock it up, you can take out any poo next time you use it



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