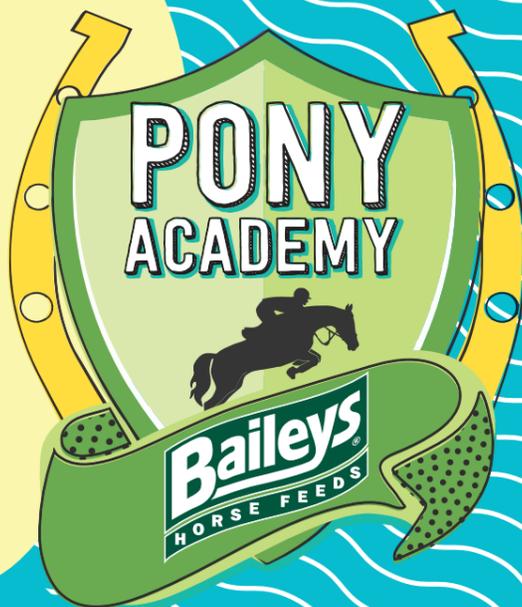


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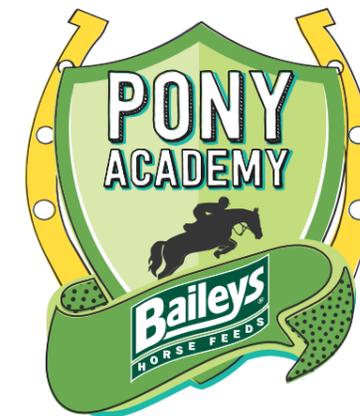
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## This month: MUCKING OUT

This month, our paper's all about mucking out. Answer as many questions as you can, but don't worry if there's an answer you don't know – you can still send in your paper for marking. **This paper's based on The Big Clean Up from the January 2021 issue of PONY Mag.**



**1** Which of these tools can you use to muck out your pony's stable? (Tick all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shavings fork  | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom       |
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**2** Why does your pony need a nice comfy bed? (Tick all that apply)

- To cushion his feet and legs from the hard floor
- So he can eat some if he gets peckish during the night
- To stop him making his stable mats dirty
- So it's tempting to sleep on

**4** If your pony's stable has banks, what does this mean?

- It has dips in the corners of the stable where your pony can poo
- There's a raised area of bedding against the wall to help stop your pony getting cast
- It has a big pile of bedding in one corner of the stable for him to play in

**5** Which of these bedding types would be best for a pony who's sensitive to dust?

- Straw
- Paper or cardboard
- Bark

**3** Why isn't it good for a pony to stand in wet, dirty bedding?

- It can weaken his hooves and put him at risk of thrush
- The smell will make him hungry and want to eat more
- It will make him harder to groom



## 6 What should you do with your pony's water bucket while you're mucking out?

- Put it outside the stable so dust and dirty bedding doesn't fall into it
- Leave it where it is
- Turn it upside down

## 7 What does deep littering involve?

- It's when you don't need to muck your pony out for a week
- Giving your pony a very shallow bed and replacing the whole lot every day
- Just taking out your pony's droppings and letting the wet sink to the bottom, while adding fresh bedding on top until you do a full muck out at the end of the week



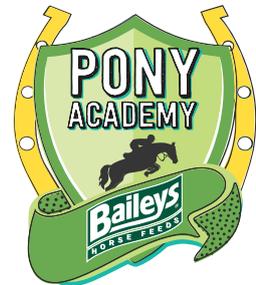
## 8 Can you muck your pony out while he's in the stable?

- Yes, if you're in a hurry
- It depends how spooky he is
- No, as it can cause lots of dust to fly around and you could hurt him with the tools by accident

## 9 What can you do to help make mucking out easier if your pony's super-messy?

- Put wood pellets under his shavings to soak up more of his wee
- Use straw as it's a cheaper option, so it doesn't matter if you have to use more
- Put a bucket in his stable for him to wee in

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