



Your First Horse Show

What to Remember for Your Horse

- Shipping halter and lead rope
- Feed and water buckets
- Hay and feed
- Shipping bandages
- Grooming supplies
- Bathing supplies
- Stable sheet, anti-sweat sheet and/or cooler
- Bridle
- Saddle pad(s)
- Saddle
- Girth/cinch
- Boots/polos
- Negative Coggins and health certificate
- Equine first-aid kit
- Other:_____
- Other:_____

What to Remember for Yourself

- Boots
- Chaps (if required)
- Discipline- or breed-approved headgear
- Show attire



- Tack-cleaning supplies and towel
- Health insurance information and emergency contact
- Medical armband (if required)
- Other:_____
- Other:_____

Things to Consider

- Check with the show secretary before the show to see what health papers—such as a negative Coggins and health certificate—or other paperwork the show or the state will require. Be sure you have them before your horse arrives.
- If the weather is nice, bathing your horse before you ship to the show helps present the cleanest image you can for the judge.
- Similarly, make sure any equipment you will be using is cleaned before you ship to the show.
- Check in with the show office when you arrive to register for your classes and/or receive your number.
- Stay on top of the show schedule and make sure you know how fast your ring is moving so you can be at the gate when your number is called.
- Watch other riders in the schooling ring to observe schooling-ring etiquette.
- If your horse has a tendency to kick at other horses, it is standard to tie a small red ribbon or string into the hair at the top of his tail.
- It can be helpful to walk your horse in the areas around where you will show (making sure to obey any posted signs) to expose him to the surroundings.