



LEADING DEMONSTRATION (no rider or sidewalkers)

There are many areas where it will be impossible to achieve an “above standard” mark; since the correct method will be the *only* safe method accepted. To achieve an “Above standard” mark will require that a candidate demonstrates the “At standard” requirement PLUS any additions mentioned in the above standard column.

In some areas, this rubric refers to the “correct” methods of performing a task. Please refer to the following publications for acceptable “correct” methods: CanTRA Instructor Manual; CTRAI Home Study: Manual of Horsemanship – British Horse Society and Pony Club: Stable Management in Canada.

This is intended to be a demonstration of your horse handling ability & was introduced when lunging was removed from the CTRAI level. CanTRA’s Examiners expect to see you handle the horse the way you would your own horse at home.

Topic	Evidence	Above required standards (3)	At required standards (2)	Below required standards (1)
Leading	Responsibilities of a leader. (May be asked)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Knows the responsibilities.	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak or insufficient explanation.
	Holding horse.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct hold of lead line with both hands. <input type="checkbox"/> Allows horse suitable amount of lead so he does not feel restricted.	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand too close or touching clip. <input type="checkbox"/> Extra line wrapped around hand or allowed to drag on ground.
	Position of leader at halt, walk, trot & turning	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct position of leader throughout halt, walk, trot & turn. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates correct methods plus horse is comfortable.	<input type="checkbox"/> Leader ahead of horse, dragging, or too far back. <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect position at halt, walk or trot. <input type="checkbox"/> Pushing or pulling horse around the turn.
	Active Walk	<input type="checkbox"/> Active walk achieved <i>all</i> the time.	<input type="checkbox"/> Active walk achieved <i>most of</i> the time – good strong marching walk.	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk, slow, inactive. <input type="checkbox"/> Leader pulling ahead of horse.
	Active Trot	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Active, forward trot achieved. <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate use of end of lead line or whip if necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/> Trot, too slow, inactive. <input type="checkbox"/> Leader pulling ahead of horse.

	Voice commands/body language.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate use of clear voice commands with different inflection for upward & downward transitions. <input type="checkbox"/> Tone of voice that can calm the horse. <input type="checkbox"/> Reads horse's mood & reacts appropriately. <input type="checkbox"/> Voice commands may not be necessary if leaders body language is such that the horse understands.	<input type="checkbox"/> No voice commands when required. <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate use of voice commands. <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive, incorrect body language.
	Changing sides	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe, smooth, efficient method of changing sides through halt & walk.	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe method used <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to change sides when called for.
	Transitions	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Smooth, timely transitions. <input type="checkbox"/> Horse does not show any signs of stress during the transitions (throwing head up, pulling back).	<input type="checkbox"/> Transitions take too long to happen or are not achieved. <input type="checkbox"/> Transitions are not smooth.
	Turns	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Wide, smooth turns observed. <input type="checkbox"/> Activity of pace maintained through the turn.	<input type="checkbox"/> Turns too sharp. <input type="checkbox"/> Horse slows down.
	Straightness	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse is kept straight <i>all</i> of the time.	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse is kept straight <i>most</i> of the time. <input type="checkbox"/> Head is not bent towards leader.	<input type="checkbox"/> Horses head is pulled around to the leader.
	Distance between horses (if a group demonstration)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse kept a minimum of 1-1.5 horses lengths behind the horse in front. <input type="checkbox"/> Lead horse sets a suitable pace. <input type="checkbox"/> Leader can maintain the correct distance at all times.	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse too close to or too far behind one in front.
	Presentation of horse to mounting block/ramp	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Straight approach & departure from block/ramp. <input type="checkbox"/> Correct set up of horse (close & square) with minimal interference. <input type="checkbox"/> Wide turn upon departure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Approach not straight or too hurried. <input type="checkbox"/> Horse not close enough to block/ramp. <input type="checkbox"/> Horse not standing square. <input type="checkbox"/> Too much fiddling with horse to achieve proper set up when he should have been re-presented.

	Safety.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe demonstration.	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe practice/s demonstrated e.g. <input type="checkbox"/> wrapping leadline around hand. <input type="checkbox"/> holding too close to clip. <input type="checkbox"/> walking too far back. <input type="checkbox"/> dragging horse. <input type="checkbox"/> letting go of leadline. <input type="checkbox"/> too close to horse in front. <input type="checkbox"/> walking or trotting in front of the horse etc.
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