

What We Do in Pony Club Coloring Book



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Some Facts about Pony Club

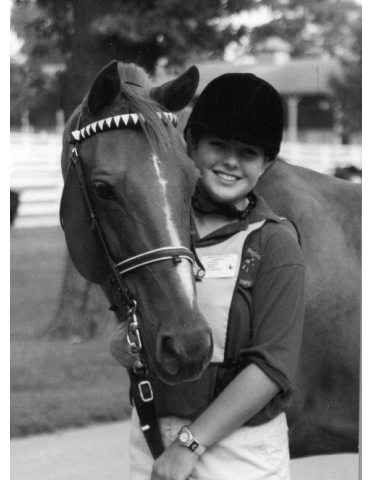
If you love horses, Pony Club is where it all begins...

Pony Club members start at about age six and graduate at age 25. The term "Pony" reflects the youthful membership rather than the size of the mount. Throughout their years in Pony Club, members progress through a standard evaluation system (called ratings). Each level requires them to learn more about horses and their care and to become increasingly accomplished riders.



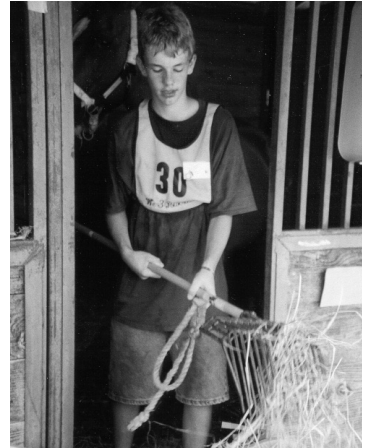
It's fun and games...

The U.S. Pony Club teaches riding skills and horse care. We think riding should be fun! And it is! Riding sports like Dressage, Eventing, Mounted Games, Polocrosse, Show Jumping and Tetrathlon are taught in Pony Club. Members also participate in Foxhunting, Polo and Vaulting in many places.



It's horsemanship and sportsmanship...

In Pony Club, the care of the horse – Horse Management – and safety are primary goals for all riders. Members participate in team competitions, called rallies, which help them learn the importance of cooperation and friendship. There are rallies and Championships yearly. Festival, which is a mega-Championships coupled with an educational program, is held at the Kentucky Horse Park every three years.

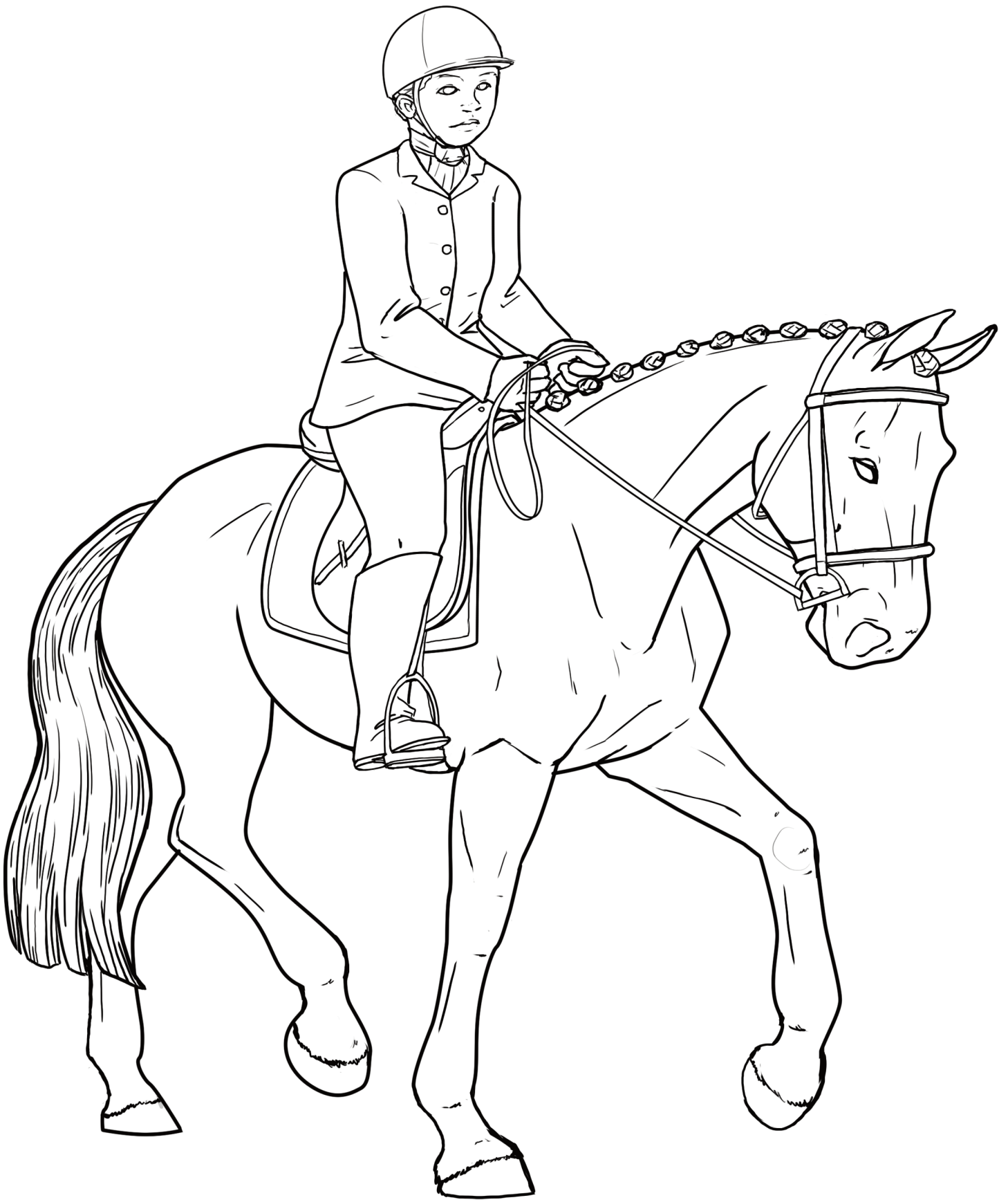


It's dedicated volunteers...

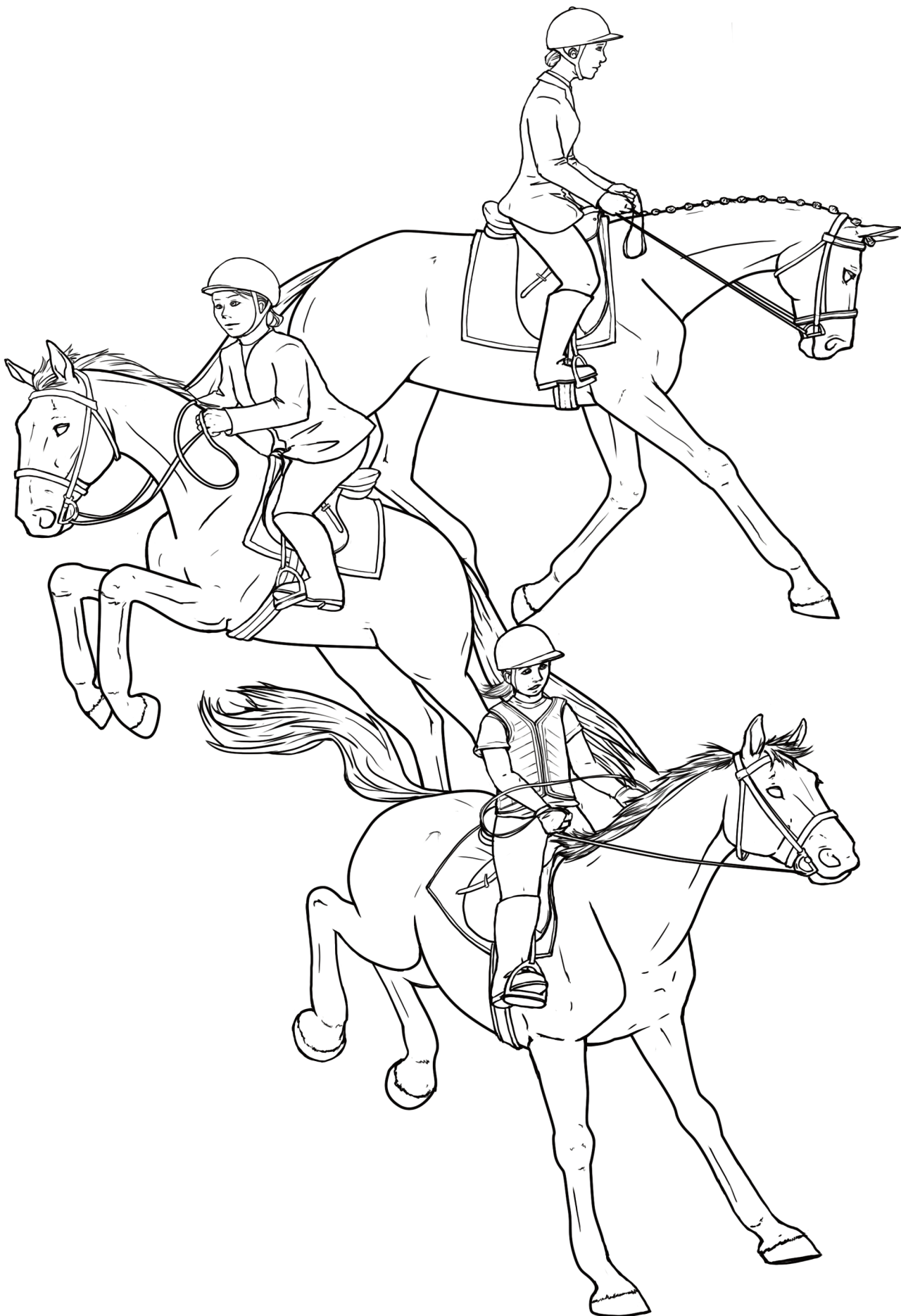
USPC is a volunteer organization. Local clubs are run by volunteers. If it weren't for a dedicated network of volunteers, there would be no Pony Club. Sponsors are parents and other adults who have expressed in interest in the club. They are active adult members who vote for officers and help the leader, called a DC or District Commissioner, plan, organize, and run activities within their club. Pony Club parents help with everything from painting and setting up stadium jumps to sewing costumes for mounted Halloween parades. The help and talents of parents are always needed!

Interested? Find a club near you:

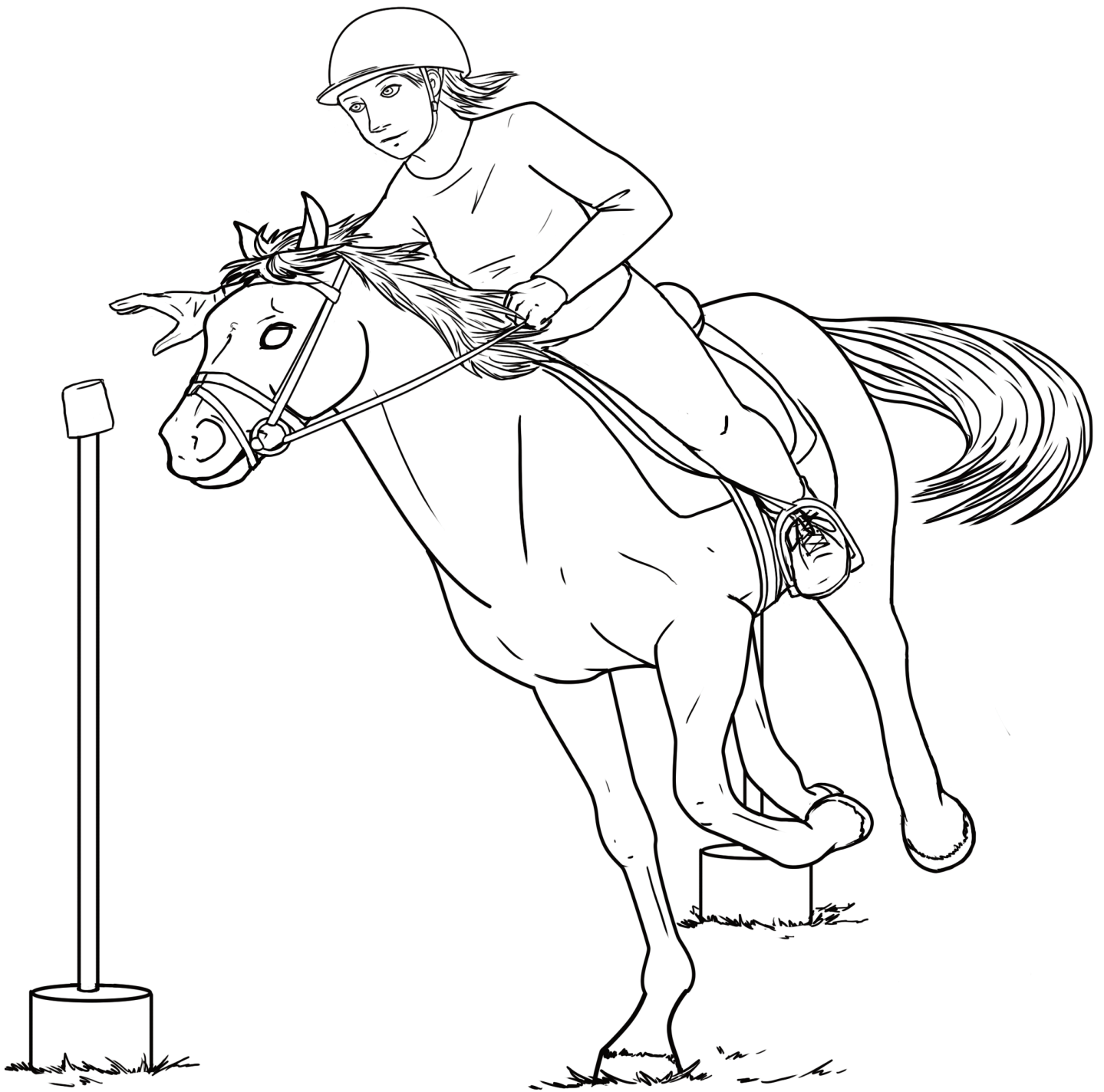
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This girl is riding a special pattern called a DRESSAGE TEST, which is like figure skating on horseback!



EVENTING riders perform a DRESSAGE TEST, SHOW JUMP in an arena and gallop and jump on a CROSS COUNTRY course.



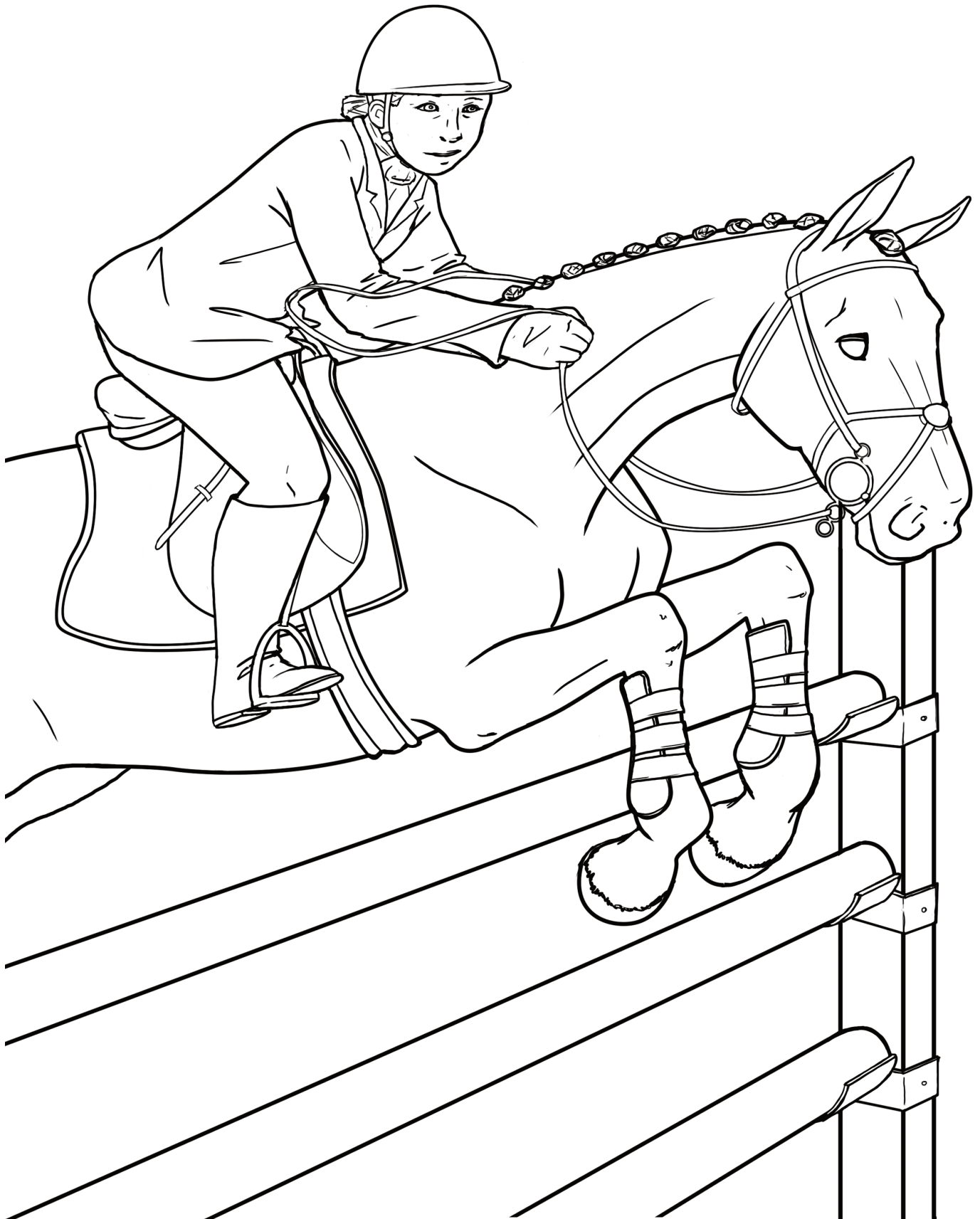
MOUNTED GAMES is a favorite competition in Pony Club. Good timing, agility and hand-eye coordination make for a winning round.



This boy is playing POLOCROSSE, which is a combination of Polo and LaCrosse.
Horses must be fast and steady for this sport.



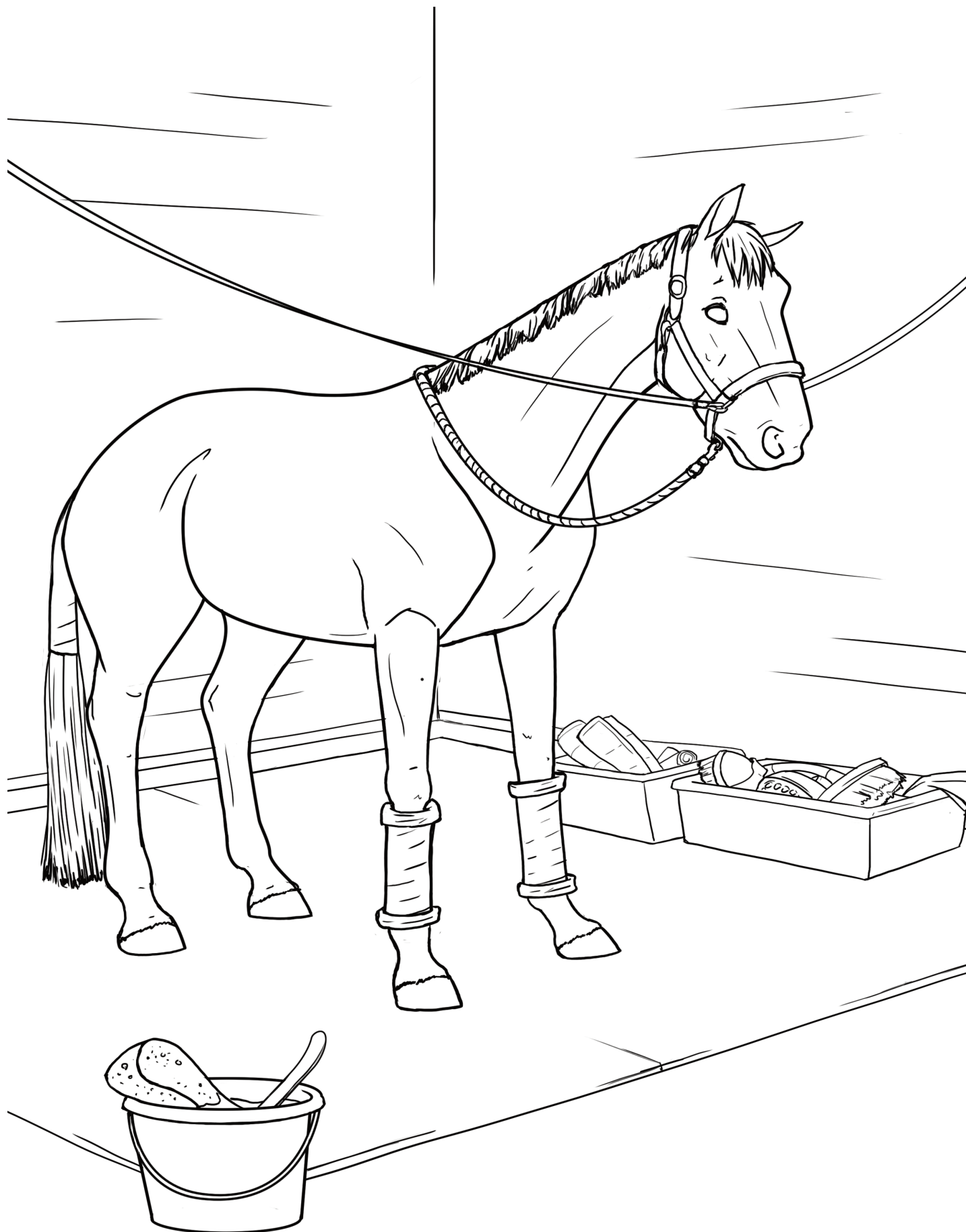
In Pony Club QUIZ, competitors must know the answers to all things equine, including questions about horse care and all types of equestrian equipment.



In **SHOW JUMPING**, the winning horse must jump both high and fast.



TETRATHLON is the test of a true athlete. Competitors must be able to shoot an air pistol, jump a horse, run a cross country course and swim!



The way you care for your horse is the most important thing in Pony Club. In all Pony Club competition, **HORSE MANAGEMENT** is essential.

About the Artist:

The illustrations for this coloring book were created by Laura Ambrosiano. Laura, a United States Pony Clubs graduate, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Animation from Kansas City Art Institute in May of 2010. From Los Alamos, New Mexico, she holds a USPC C-3 Traditional rating, and currently resides in Vancouver, British Columbia. Her illustrations and animations can be viewed online at her blog, <http://lauraambrosiano.blogspot.com>.

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