Certified Public Horse Trainer

TQA Industry Test

**I. Scoring System**

**Temperament Scale**

1 = No signs of behavior

2 = Very low frequency of behavior

3 = Low frequency of behavior

4 = Intermediate frequency

5 = High Frequency

**Task Completion/ Foundation Scale**

1 = Very Poor

2 = Poor

3 = Fair

4 = Good

5 = Excellent

**II. Areas Being Tested**

**Inside Test**

**A) Task Completions (25% of Score)**

1. Catch \_\_\_\_\_

2. Lead \_\_\_\_\_

3. Stand to Saddle \_\_\_\_\_

4. Accept Bridle \_\_\_\_\_

5. Stand to Get On \_\_\_\_\_

6. Freestyle 1 (At the end of “Inside Test”) \_\_\_\_\_

* **Must score a 6 or higher to pass “Task Completion” segment of test.**

**B) Foundation (25% of Score)**

1. Horizontal Flexion (Direction) & Disengage Hindquarters (Stage 1)

(Stand, Walk, Trot, Lope) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Walk a Circle \_\_\_\_\_
2. Stop at a Walk (Using both reins) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Trot a Circle \_\_\_\_\_
4. Stop at a Trot (Using both reins) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Lope a Circle (Correct lead) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Stop at a Lope (Using both reins) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Back (Stage 2) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Side Pass (Stage 3) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Pivot Around Inside Hind Foot (Stage 4) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Overall Willing Submission (Ridden on a loose rein) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Overall Vertical Flexion (Collection) \_\_\_\_\_

* **Must score a 36 or higher to pass “Foundation” segment of test.**

**C) Temperament (12.5% of Score) - For an Inexperienced Horse Owner**

1. Self-preservation (Low/ High) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Confidence (High/ Low) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Energy (High/ Low) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Sensitivity (Dull/ Very Responsive) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Willingness (Resistant/ Willing) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Reaction to social separation (Calm/ Nervous ) \_\_\_\_\_

* **Must score a 18 or higher to pass “Task Completion” segment of test.**

**Outside Test**

**D) Task Completions**

7. Load in Trailer \_\_\_\_\_

8. Pick up Feet (Stand to get on) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Open and Close Gate \_\_\_\_\_

10. Take tarp/coat off fence \_\_\_\_\_

11. Freestyle 2 (Roping Dummy) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Lope in a Straight Line Away from the Barn \_\_\_\_\_

* **Must score an 18 or higher to pass “Task Completion” segment of test.**

**E) Temperament (25% of Score) – For an Inexperienced Horse Owner**

1. Self-preservation (High/ Low) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Confidence (Low/ High) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Energy (Low/ High) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Sensitivity (Dull/ Very Responsive) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Willingness (Resistant/ Willing) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Reaction to social separation (Nervous/ Calm ) \_\_\_\_\_

* **Must score an 18 or higher to pass “Task Completion” segment of test.**

**Video Test**

**D) Client Education (12.5% of Score)**

Day of Test

1. Answers to Questions \_\_\_\_\_
2. Overall Demeanor \_\_\_\_\_

Video

1. Introduction to TQA \_\_\_\_\_
2. Explanation of Vocab Words \_\_\_\_\_
3. Trainer’s Evaluation of the Horse (Training Trifecta Scores) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Follow up Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

* **Must score an 18 or higher to pass “Task Completion” segment of test.**

**E) Horse Health and Welfare (12.5% of Score)**

1) Body Condition \_\_\_\_\_

2) Mane and Tail \_\_\_\_\_

3) Cuts or Scrapes \_\_\_\_\_

4) Housing Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

5) Feet, Teeth and Chiropractic Care \_\_\_\_\_

6) Documentation \_\_\_\_\_

* **Must score a 18 or higher to pass “Task Completion” segment of test.**