



Qualification Evaluation Obstacle Course Instructions

Items Needed:

- Pavement, cement, metal, or wood surface or grate
- Linoleum, tile, carpet, rug, or foam mat surface
- Ramp or incline
- Stairs
- Elevator (optional)
- Tarp
- Safety cones or other objects to navigate around
- Pool noodles, plastic or paper bags, or flags and a ball
- Wheelchair
- Cane or walker
- Treats
- Grooming brush
- Another pet: i.e. dog or cat
- 2 volunteers
- Therapy vest
- Equine boots or shoes
- Potty bag if applicable
- Means of transportation for which the horse will travel i.e. van or trailer
- Item or person to make a loud noise: i.e. megaphone, bell, whistle

Requirements: *Two volunteers are needed for Zoom evaluations; one to hold the camera and one to assist with the evaluation requirements.*

- Equine must be clean, neatly groomed, and free of dirt and debris and should be wearing a clean, appropriately fitted halter with lead rope and potty, bag, therapy vest and shoes if these items will be worn on visits.
- Handler should be dressed appropriately and present a professional appearance.
- Equine must walk over multiple types of surfaces.
- Equine must walk indoors.
- Equine must walk around and/or through obstacles.
- Equine must walk up and down a ramp or incline and at least 3 flights of stairs.
- Equine must walk through and back out of a tight space that is at least 6' long and at most 3' wide.
- Equine must load and unload in a trailer or van. (whatever means of transportation the equine will be traveling to and from visits)

Sample Course: *Course can be indoors or outdoors. However, team must show they can walk indoors without incident.*

