DATA SHEET – GROUND SKILL – CIRCLE AND DISENGAGE



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Description:

Handler to circle the horse in clockwise and anti clockwise for 3 circles each direction. For each direction the handler is to demonstrate hindquarter disengagement at the completion of the circle exercise.

Objectives:

The handler is to demonstrate consistent circles prior to the hindquarter disengagement & further display clear hindquarter disengagement.

Choice of Gait:

Walk, trot or canter

Effectiveness:

Horse remains calm and unconcerned with the challenge Horse is to maintain gait and consistency. Clearly displays disengagement.

Penalties:

Horse refuses to circle - Re-Sit Horse stops during circling — Penalty Horse doesn't disengage — Penalty Horse doesn't maintain gait - penalty