DATA SHEET – OPENING AND CLOSING A GATE – Level 2			2 ATHRA
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Description:

Whilst mounted rider opens and close the gate, walk through and re-latch the gate. The rider is to leave one hand on the gate for the duration of the exercise with the exception being to unlatch and re-latch it. Time allotted is 3 minutes.

Objectives:

Horse is to remain calm while rider opens and closes the gate. Horse is to maneuver calmly through gate. Horse is to walk away calmly following task.

Choice of Gait:

Walk/Back-up/sideways

Effectiveness:

Consistency of movement of the horse during all stages of exercise. Efficiency of time taken to undertake exercise. (Little stopping & starting)

Penalties:

Horse refuses to approach the gate. - Re-Sit Rider removes hand from gate - Penalty Horse fidgets – Penalty Rider unable to complete action in one single movement.-Penalty Unable to complete exercise in allotted time – Re-Sit Unable to complete task – Re-Sit