

The Showing REGISTER

Going to your first show

Going to a show for the first time can be a daunting experience. What to take? What time should I arrive?

With some simple planning your day should go smoothly.....

CHECKLIST

Jobs to Do Before the Show:

- Preparation cannot begin early enough. Try to prepare as much as possible in advance, so you are not rushing around the day before
- Complete entries before the closing date. Not only will this save you time on the day, but it will save you money too
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- Check how long your journey will take and allow extra time in case of any hold ups along the way
- Put all the necessary paperwork you need together and clearly mark it
- If possible, have all your clothes ready, so they can be picked up and carried to the vehicle the day before you compete

Horse/Pony Jobs:

- Practice loading your horse/ pony at least a week before the show. It can be very frustrating to be all ready to go and then spend hours try to load your equine
- Depending on your type of horse/ pony you may need to trim tails, heels and whiskers. This can be done the week before and last minute 'trims' the day before. (See our Show Preparation tips and advice)
- Pack the items you will use at the show, i.e buckets, sponges, grooming kit, towels, fly spray, mane & tail detangler, etc



EXTRA TIP

A box or basket is the perfect way to keep all grooming items together

SHOWING TIPS!

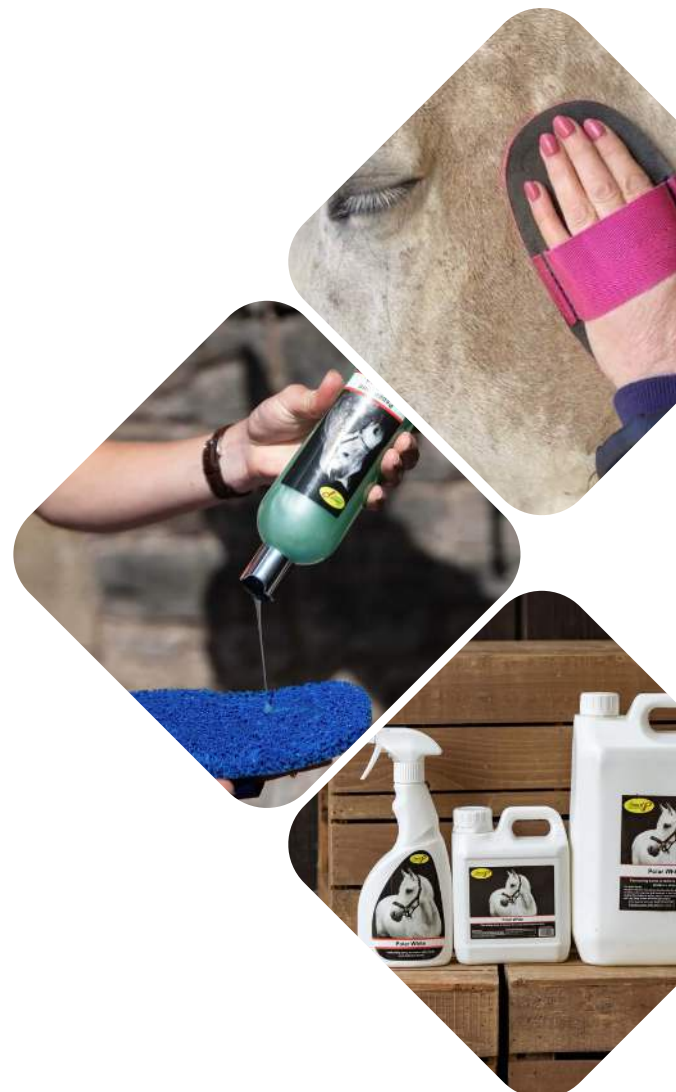
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The day before:

- Don't give yourself too much to do in too little time
- Ride in the morning and then follow with a thorough bath for your horse/ pony. There are lots of shampoos on the market now to help achieve a 'WOW' shine and make white bits look spotless
- Visit the TSR Show Preparation Tips & Advice page and www.smartgrooming.co.uk for ways to achieve the perfect look
- Last minute trimming on heels, whiskers and tails (if applicable) will help to achieve the perfect turnout
- Clean your tack (saddle and bridle) ready for the show
- Double check the time of your class(es). Some shows may change their timetable according to the number of entries they have received
- Load any essential equipment you will need for the day...
 - water containers
 - grooming kit and towels
 - numnah and a spare for working in just in case of rain
 - show clothing
 - waterproof items for you and your horse
 - spare items of tack, such as reins and stirrups if you have them
- Check your fuel level! You do not want to be adding more time to your journey in the morning
- After all your hard work don't forget to have a good night's sleep

On the day of the show:

- Set your alarm in plenty of time to allow for any plaiting or horse spot cleaning you may have to do
- Load any last-minute items;
 - Tack (saddle, bridle, girth)
 - Food and refreshments for you and your helper
- Once you are ready to go quickly double check you have everything on board
- Bring a friend on the day of the show – horsey or not. An extra set of hands can be a huge help! From holding brushes to wiping off last minute marks



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At the show:

- When you arrive at the show check your horse/pony has travelled well and is happy
- Go to the Secretary's Office if you need to collect your number. Here you can also ask about the show layout and where your ring is situated
- When you arrive back at your vehicle get yourself half ready first – put your shirt and tie on and make sure your other clothes are ready
- Most competitors will 'work in' their horse/pony and then do the final preparations before getting themselves completely ready
- When you are both ready make your way to the ring
- Aim to be at the ring at least 15 minutes before your class in case they are running earlier than scheduled
- Give your horse/pony a walk, trot and canter before you enter the ring
- Double check your tack, especially your girth
- 5 minutes before you enter the ring ask your helper to wipe off any marks or stains
- Enter the ring with a smile and enjoy

EXTRA TIP

Visit your ring & ask the steward which class is currently being judged

After the class:

- Once you have completed your class(es) for the day untack your horse/pony, make sure fresh water and a haynet is available
- And relax!

EXTRA TIP

If there is something you don't understand ask. Judges will be happy to give you advice and answer any questions you have.



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