



Shetland Pony Club

New Pony Riding Guidelines - in the light of coronavirus

1. **Health check** – please do not come to Shetland Pony Club if you or anyone in your household has coronavirus, or if you feel unwell with either: a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste. ONE adult only may come to Shetland Pony Club with your child
2. **Booking** – book your pony visit online and only come when you have an appointment. Please do not arrive early (stay in your car if you do)
3. **Parking** – park apart from other cars and put on your riding outfit (e.g. hat, boots & gloves, if you have them) before coming to The Ranch. Bring your child a drink
4. **Arrival** – wait at the door until invited to enter. Use hand gel, put your child's hat on & hand your child over to a staff member, who will look after them while riding. Parents are not allowed in the Ranch, due to social distancing reasons.
5. **Waiting area** – adults may wait in socially distant seating areas and marquee. Bring a drink. Please clean your bench before you leave. If children are 5+ parents can leave site provided we have your contact details
6. **The Ranch** – put any bags / drinks down on your own straw bale for your kit
7. **Toilets** – at the far end of The Ranch and by the marquee. Use only if necessary and queue apart. Tell a staff member if you have used the loo so it can be cleaned
8. **Meet your pony** – Your pony will be wearing a bridle put on by our staff. You can brush and decorate your pony, using a cleaned grooming kit. Staff will guide you
9. **Clear up and hand wash** – put your equipment in the “used” area, wash your hands and have your own drink, if needed
10. **Riding** – staff members will tack up your pony and lead him to the mounting block. You will be given help and guidance on getting on and riding safely by your helper
11. **Paddock care and pony learning** – staff will guide you, if you do these activities
12. **Returning** – your staff member will guide you on returning and putting equipment in the used area. Say goodbye to your pony. Our team will give your pony a drink
13. **Finishing** – Put your hat in the used container, wash your hands and collect bags
14. **Prize giving** – all rides finish with a presentation. Parents, return 10 mins before the end for riding photos of your child & enjoy their prize giving at the podiums
15. **Leaving** – meet your adult outside The Ranch. Keep apart from others when waiting, leaving and in the car park

Thank you for coming – we hope you have had fun, safely with the ponies