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**2022 NC State 4-H Hippology Contest**  
**Junior Team Problem (Impromptu)**  
**Grooming Tools and their Uses**

Your Hippology team has been asked to present a demonstration to the Cloverbud members of your 4-H club on grooming tools, their purpose, and the proper way to use them when grooming a horse. In front of you, you have 10 pieces of grooming equipment and a model horse for you to use as a demonstration model. As a team, select six tools to use for your demonstration and make sure you cover the following information:

**Identify six different grooming tools from those provided.**

1. Tell the name of the tool.
2. Demonstrate on the model horse how to properly use it.
3. Explain the purpose of using the tool (what it does) and any other details that are important to know about using it correctly or when you should use it.

*You have 10 minutes total to prepare **and** present your response.*

*You may write on this paper (front and back) for planning purposes. More scrap paper is available, if needed.*

**2022 Junior Team Problem Answer Key- Grooming Tools and Their Uses**

Name of Tool	Purpose of Tool	Proper Way to use	Source	Page
curry comb (rubber and metal)	Used to remove thick, dried mud or heavy, loose hair (rubber curry is preferred to a metal curry) A metal curry may be used to remove dirt and hair from other body brushes	Vigorous circular motions on areas of the body that are not boney (ie. knees and hocks).	H&H 2001	35,37
hoof pick (or hook)	Used to remove manure, stones, and dirt from horses hoof	Should be used in a heel-to-toe motion	Newhor	143
hard brush (dandy, rice root or corn brush)	Hard bristled brush used to remove excess hair and loose dirt	Short, strong strokes away from the horse's body. Brushing the hair in the direction that it grows	H&H 2001 Newhor	37 77
Soft brush (body brush, finishing brush)	Fine bristled brush that is used to promote a healthy shine on the coat and remove any fine dust that may be left on the hair	Can be used anywhere on the horses body	BH H&H 2001 Newhor	17 38 34
mane and tail comb	Small, long toothed comb used for straightening or pulling the mane and tail	Begin brushing at the ends and gradually work up to the roots	H&H 2001 Newhor	38 175
Sponge	Washing/wiping areas of the body	Can be used to clean ears, nostrils, lips and sheath	H&H 2001 4HHM	38 5
Grooming Cloth	Flannel or terry cloth used for a final body polish	Wipe their ears, face, eyes, lips, sheath and dock	Newhor 4HHM	125 5
Sweat scraper	An instrument used for removing excess sweat or water after bathing a horse	Scraping motions across the horse's coat. Should not be used on the head and legs	Newhor H&C WEB	260
Clippers	Used to cut horses hair coat especially in winter time	Work against the lay of the hair and maintain even pressure to prevent stripes in coat	Newhor WHC	59 55
Bot knife	Used to remove botfly eggs from the horses coat	Scrap the knife against the horse's hair coat with the lay of the hair, only shaving off the hair that has bot eggs on it	Newhor WEAV WEB	37,38

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**2022 NC State 4-H Hippology Contest Junior Impromptu Team Problem - Grooming Tools and their Uses (100 points)**

Name of Grooming Tool	Part 1: Name 6 of the grooming tools.		Part 2: Demonstrate how to properly use the tool			Part 3: Explain the purpose of using the tool		
	Incorrect (0 pts ea.)	Correct (4 pts ea.)	Incorrect (0 pts. ea.)	Partially Correct (1-2 pts. ea.)	Correct (3-4 pts. ea.)	Incorrect (0 pts ea.)	Partially Correct (1-2 pts. ea.)	Correct (3-4 pts. ea.)
Tool 1:								
Tool 2:								
Tool 3:								
Tool 4:								
Tool 5:								
Tool 6:								
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Total								
Overall Presentation (10 points)	Organized presentation with introduction and conclusion, appropriate tone and pace during delivery, confident posture/stance, maintained eye contact, speaks with confidence.							
Participation (10 points)	All members of the team participate equally in the delivery of the solution.							
Questions (8 points)	Questions were answered confidently with a clear and concise answer.							
<b>GRAND TOTAL SCORE</b>								

*Additional Comments:*