

A Guide for Foal & Horse ACE Assessment 2025

Essential Tips for Presenting Your Horse

1. Grooming is Key

Ensure your horse is impeccably clean and well-groomed. Brush the coat until it shines, clean the hooves but do NOT blacken, and consider braiding the mane and tail for a polished look.

2. Practice Makes Perfect

Train your horse to stand still and walk calmly before the assessment. Regular practice will help both you and your horse feel more comfortable during the presentation.

3. Proper Equipment

Use clean, well-fitted equipment. For foals, a leather halter is often preferred. Ensure lead ropes are in good condition and appropriate for the horse's size.

4. Showcase Natural Movement

When presenting your horse in motion, allow them to move naturally. Avoid over-controlling or restricting their gait.

5. Highlight Best Features

Position your horse to accentuate its best features. For example, stand them on level ground with their feet squarely placed beneath them.



Presentation Highlights:

- 1) Mare's coat is immaculately groomed and shining.
- 2) Mane is neatly braided, enhancing the overall presentation.
- 3) Foal's coat is clean and brushed to a soft shine.
- 4) Both animals are alert and attentive, with ears forward.
- 5) Positioning showcases their conformation and relationship.
- 6) Mare and foal are well-matched in appearance and stance.
- 7) Overall presentation exudes health, vitality, and quality breeding

6. Be Confident and Calm

Your demeanor affects your horse. Stay calm, confident, and focused during the presentation to help your horse remain relaxed.

7. Know Your Horse

Be prepared to answer questions about your horse's history, temperament, and any special characteristics. Your knowledge demonstrates good horsemanship.

8. Dress Appropriately

Wear clean, professional attire that's suitable for handling horses. This shows respect for the assessment process and complements your horse's presentation.