

COMMON HORSE TERMS

Gelding - a male horse that has been castrated

Mare - a mature female horse over 4 years old

Pony - a mature horse of either gender that will never grow taller than 14.2 hands (58")

Hands - the unit of measurement by which a horse's height is determined. A hand is equal to 4 inches.

Grooming - a term used to describe the act of cleaning a horse.

Withers - the slight ridge in the horse's backbone, just behind the mane. A horse's height is measured from the tallest point of its withers.

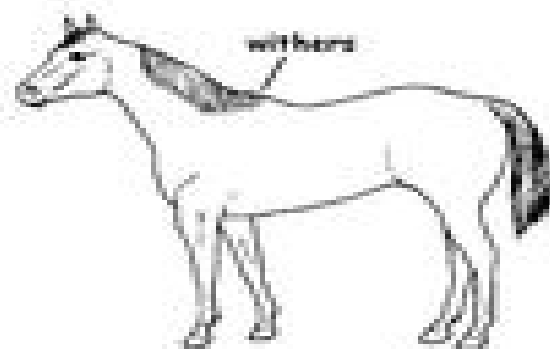
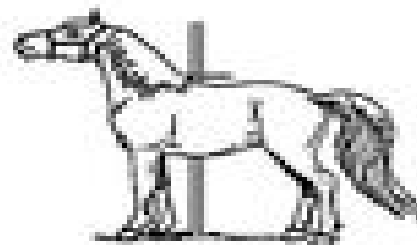
Farrier - also called a horseshoer, this is a skilled craftsman who trims and shoes horses.

Tack - a term that loosely refers to all equipment used on a horse (halter, saddle, bareback pads, etc.)

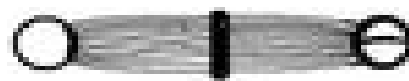
Girth - a piece of equipment used on an English saddle which helps hold the saddle on the horse. The girth is fastened in the horse's girth area which is just behind the elbow.

On a western saddle, this is called a cinch.

A pony is less than 14.2 hands tall



Triple fold leather girth



Standard western cinch