

Match the Equine Key Terms

How many can you get right?

Answers:

Gymkhana

Competitions offering timed obstacle classes and games such as barrel racing and pole bending.

Bit

Metal mouthpiece of a bridle.

Canter

The gait between walk and gallop; it consists of three beats followed by a moment of suspension, and has leads.

Thoroughbred

The world's premier race horse, but also used for a wide range of sports, especially jumping. The word refers specifically to a horse registered with The Jockey Club.

Tack

The gear used on a horse, e.g. saddles, bridles.

Hackamore

A bitless bridle; control comes from the pressure of the noseband on the bridge of the horse's nose.

Dressage

A French term meaning training. The English horse-and-rider pair execute gymnastic movements that highlight the horse's balance, suppleness, cadence, and obedience.

Rearing

The raising up of a horse onto its hind legs when being led or ridden; a bad habit that should be handled only by a professional.

Farrier

A person who trims and shoes horses' feet.

Pen

An outdoor enclosure large enough for a horse to walk around in; smaller than a paddock.