



What to Take Away To Horse Shows

Suggestions Only



PAPER WORK / VEHICLE

- Camera/film/video recorder/ tape/charged spare battery
- Cash/chequebook/credit card
- Cell phone
- NZEF registration papers
- Rule books (NZEF / RAS / PC)
- Dressage test book (plus photocopies of tests if raining you don't want to ruin your book)
- Drivers licence
- Driving directions
- Emergency **AA** number
- Flashlight/batteries
- Height certificate (if required)
- Horse insurance information
- Important phone numbers
- Map/directions to show
- Show schedule/programme
- Truck mileage
- Competition registration numbers (bridle or saddle blanket)

TRAILER / TRUCK ITEMS

- Check all lights are working
- Coupling & tires in good repair
- Broom
- Extra halter and lead rope
- Hay net
- Jack
- Spare tire
- Baling twine
- Spare 'D' Shackle if floating (in case one is lost in transit)
- Truck Living Quarters – check water tank and gas bottles are full and batteries are charged (if 12v system used)

FOR TRAVELING:

- Halter
- Lead rope
- Shipping bandages or boots
- Stable sheet, blanket, cooler
- Tail wrap

HORSE CARE - OVERNIGHT:

- Bedding (if not provided)
- Feed bucket (preferably hook on fence type)
- Hay net (x2 as sometimes there is fresh cut grass available for the diary stock)
- Kool aid, (if needed to flavour water for horses to drink unfamiliar water)
- Manure bucket or wheelbarrow
- Manure fork
- Small shovel
- Rake (metal fan type are best)
- Water buckets (sturdy 20ltr)
- Water, if necessary (20ltr per day min)
- Spare buckets (for some reason

- you can never have too many buckets)
- Bandages and Wraps for stabled/yarded horses
- Old halter (if you leave one on during the night and you don't want to leave a good one on)

HORSE CARE - 1 DAY TRIPS:

- Electrolyte paste or powder
- Feed bucket
- Hay net (plus hay)
- Kool aid (if needed to flavour water for horses to drink unfamiliar water) or keep a can of CAFFINE FREE coke in float – works the same way *(must be caffeine free so as not to drug test positive)*
- Water bucket
- Water, if necessary

HORSE COVERS

- Sweat/fly sheet
- Water proof winter (if weather is cooler)
- Water proof sheet
- Wool cooler or equivalent

FEED

- Drinking water (if your horse is reluctant to drink unfamiliar water, and not all grounds have taps/water)
- Flavourings for water (see above)
- Supplements
- Hay (minimum of 3 slabs per 24 hrs)
- Premixed feeds (two per day plus a couple of spares just in case you can't get home!)
- Supplements
- Treats

TACK

Dressage / Showing

- Dressage saddle
- Dressage girth
- Dressage saddle pad
- Dressage bridle + bit(s)
- Stirrup leathers
- Stirrup irons (+ treads)
- Dressage Numbers (NZEF)
- Showing - Ribbon Browband
- Leather – Number Holder
- Studs and equipment

Jumping

- Jumping saddle
- Jumping girth
- Stirrup leathers
- Stirrup irons (+ treads)
- Jumping saddle pad
- Jumping bridle + bit
- SJ Boots - back
- SJ Boots - front

- Whip/cane
- Breast plate (plus martingale adaptation if needed)
- XC Boots/Bandages – Front/Back
- Insulation tape or needle thread for XC bandages
- Surcingle (over girth)
- Studs and equipment

OTHER TACK

- Spare reins
- Spare noseband strap/keepers
- Halter/Lead rope
- Martingale – running or standing
- Number holder + numbers
- Mounting block

WARMUP EQUIPMENT

Check grounds allow lunging (should be on programme if they don't – you don't want to get eliminated before you start!)

- Lunge line
- Lunge whip
- Side reins
- Protection boots
- Lunge halter/bridle

GROOMING KIT

- Hose (plus 2 size fittings)
- Brush box with:
- Hoof pick
- Dandy brush
- Body brush
- Soft face brush
- Cury comb,
- Mane comb
- Towels
- Sponge
- Sweat scraper
- Wash down bucket
- Liniment
- Fly spray
- Show Sheen
- Hoof oil or polish
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Scissors
- Plaiting Items- yarn or thread, needle, pull through, plastic clip to hold hair out of the way, water, comb, elastic bands
- Saddle soap, sponge, and small tack cleaning bucket

CLOTHING: - RIDING

- Medical Arm Band (XC riders)
- Safety helmet – *check approval no.*
- Show hat – bowler/top hat
- Jodhpurs
- Belt
- Shirt
- Riding jacket
- Tie/stock/pin/collar
- Hairnet
- XC colours
- Bobby pins or rubber bands



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Other miscellaneous items etc for more than one day shows ...

1. **Halter with a tag with horses name and your contact phone number (NZEF registration if you have it)**
2. Something to secure the entrance-way to stable or yards (as there usually isn't anything available) a good alternative is a 'dog tie-out' wire—which is wire covered with pvc coating and usually has a spring loaded clip at each end and is a good length—sourced from \$2 shop
3. Extra lead ropes (they always break at the worst possible time!) also stables/yards very rarely have a 'gate' or means to lock horses in
4. Hay nets x 2 – extra one just in case there is cut grass available (for the dairy cows!)
5. Water bucket – sturdy, 20 lt at least
6. Spare water bucket for topping up water (easier to carry a smaller bucket than a full 20lt one to and from stables!!)
7. Feed bin – ones that clips onto rails are good means horses don't trample them if they are not used to being stabled
8. Feeds morning and evening feeds (plus at least two days worth in case you can't get home – think Rimutaka Hill closure a couple of years ago!)
9. Stable rug/neck rug (always good to carry a waterproof cover with you from truck to stables if it is raining to keep the stable rug dry, and by the end of a wet weekend it is always nice to have at least one dry cover!!)
10. Bandage wraps & Bandages (always wrap & bandage stabled horses, stops knocks and also stops draughts and legs filling from standing for long periods of time)
11. **DON'T FORGET** – You'll need to hand graze for at least 30 mins per day especially if your horse is used to daily grass intake.

STABLES IF STRAW

12. Straw is usually provided – pays to check though – 1 – 1½ bales per stable
13. Split sack for clearing out muck
14. Stable fork
15. At the end of the show – bank all clean straw to the back of the box

STABLES IF SAWDUST (usually this option)

16. Sawdust is provided in a heap at different points (in most instances you will need to top up box with fresh sawdust, around 1 wheelbarrows worth)
17. Shovel of some sorts (there are great plastic ones available in the Chevalier Catalogue \$25.00)
18. Wheelbarrow or large bucket to transport sawdust to stables, 1ge 70lt rubbish bins are good as they serve as outside waterproof storage for covers/feeds etc as well
19. At the end of the show you don't have to remove all the sawdust!

Other Things I Have Learnt The Hard Way That Are Useful!

20. TORCH (or head lamps are good – leave hands free) & extra batteries (for checking horses at night)
21. Something suitable as a clothes line to try and dry out bandages/wraps/saddle blankets etc if you get a chance, don't forget pegs (need them for smaller items like leg wraps etc)
22. Jandals – for shower – (have you seen the ground in some of those showers)
23. Hose (6m) plus two sized tap connections (most grounds have one – but...)
24. Tea towels!
25. Washing up liquid!
26. Broom & disinfectant (for cleaning out truck so you can 'live' in it)
27. **COVERS, COVERS, COVERS** if things get wet they never get a chance to dry!!
28. Empty 20ltr water container (easier to fill at the show grounds than constantly filling buckets and carrying back to the truck etc – horses should drink 20 lt per 24hrs easily, not to mention what you use in your truck, ie washing up cooking etc, etc)
29. Padlock for locking up float or truck 'ramp' door at night.
30. Don't forget to take book/magazine / walkmans etc as there is nothing to do after dark!!! when you are stuck there for two/three days it gets really, really boring!!!
31. Take food as not all grounds have

food stalls and a lot of the A&P food stalls close down around 5.00 pm and there is nothing else around

32. Rubbish bags (small 'shopping bag' sized plastic bags for food scraps etc)
33. Alarm Clock (not that sleeping in is usually a problem)
34. Toilet paper (obvious reasons)
35. Baling twine – that comes in handy for all sorts of things!!
36. Keep spare set of dressage tests in the truck that way you never have to worry about forgetting them.
37. Small whiteboard and pen – I find this helpful as a couple of days before an event I write up the show/class details (I know anal – but when you are doing this by yourself I don't think you can be over prepared!!) ie:

Show	Wairarapa A&P
Day	Friday 1st
Class No	200
Event	Show Hunter 90 cm
Start Time	10.30 am
Ring	SH
Class No	303
Event	SH first year
Ring	SH

Day	Saturday 2nd
Class No	34
Event	SJ AM5 90 cm instant JO
Start Time	8.30 am
Ring	Three

Etc, etc ...

That way you wont need to struggle with programmes on the day – quick read on where, what I am supposed to be doing.