**BLUE CROSS HORSE AND PONY CARE COMPETITION**

**TO BE HELD AT**

**HAYFIELD EQUESTRIAN PONY CLUB CENTRE, ABERDEEN, AB15 8BB**

**MONDAY 10 APRIL 2023**

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON 1 APRIL (No late entries accepted!)**

**HOSTED BY DEESIDE AND HAYFIELD EQUESTRIAN CENTRE**

**Entries on clubentries.com/deesidepc/showschedule.php**

The competition features teams of three Members who demonstrate their knowledge and practical horsemanship skills taken from the Pony Club Efficiency Tests over several rounds. Teams compete at this Area Competition with the aim to qualify for the Championships. The Blue Cross Care Championships will take place at the Pony Club Championships in August.

**Please make sure you are aware of all the rules and guidelines. All information can be found here -** [**https://pcuk.org/members/ridden-competitions/blue-cross-horse-pony-care/**](https://pcuk.org/members/ridden-competitions/blue-cross-horse-pony-care/) **Maximum of two teams per class from each Branch or Centre**

There are three levels:

* **Mini** - Teams to consist of three members aged 10 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year, with one member to be 8 years or under. Questions to be based on the Care section of the E, D and easier parts of the D+ Efficiency Tests.
* **Junior** - Teams to consist of three members aged 13 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year, with one member to be 11 years or under. Questions to be based on the Care section of the D, D+, C and easier parts of the C+ Efficiency Tests.
* **Senior** - Teams to consist of three members aged 25 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year, with one member to be 16 years or under. Questions to be based on the Care section of the C+, B and AH Efficiency Tests.

Teams make their way around different ‘stations’, each of which will comprise of a different theory or practical based topic. Up to ten minutes are spent at each ‘station’, during which time Members are asked a series of questions to be marked by the Assessor. Dress should be appropriate to a working yard environment. Pony Club sweatshirts, shirt and tie, jodphur, boots, gloves and hats are expected. Points will be allocated per section, as well as the way Teams approach the competition and team work. One round will be chosen, at random, as the ‘tie-breaker’. In the event of a tie, the Team with the highest score in that round will be declared the winners.