



Macomb County 4-H  
Miniature Horse Program  
Groom's Class Guidelines

- The objective of this class is for the handler to demonstrate their knowledge of their equine.
- Exhibitors enter the ring with their grooming totes. If two handlers are sharing the same horse, both exhibitors should enter the ring and stand with their horse.
- Exhibitors line up along the rail.
- Judge should have each exhibitor walk to them a distance away from the other exhibitors. If two members are sharing a horse, they are judged separately, each going to the judge independently. Have handler set up for inspection/discussion using the following guidelines:
- All exhibitors shall be asked random questions (Judge's choice) keeping to the following three topics:
  - **Grooming Tools (Minimum 2):** Items in tote should be items used for general grooming. At minimum, tools required are:
    - Soft Brush
    - Hard Brush
    - Mane & Tail Comb
    - HoofpickExhibitors may choose to include fly spray, Showsheen, sunscreen, face brush, rag, etc. Judge may ask them to demonstrate on their horse. All items should be clean.
  - **Parts of the Horse/Anatomy (Minimum 2):** Any external body part of their miniature horse.
  - **General Knowledge/Misc. (Minimum 2):** Judge's choice. (Ex: Horse's name, color, age, estimated weight, stabling, feeding, years of 4-H involvement, etc.)
- After inspection/discussion, the handler is excused from the ring.

