

SHOW EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

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When you are just beginning to exhibit in the show ring, it's difficult to know what you need to bring with you to the show in addition to your donkey, slave labor (otherwise known as your spouse), tranquilizers, and a checkbook! I've put this list together to help donkey owners be better prepared when exhibiting in their first few shows. Most of these items can be purchased from equine mail order catalogs or your local farm and ranch store. I hope you find this list helpful. Good luck and happy showing.

CLIPPERS:

Electric clippers
Rechargeable clippers should electricity be unavailable
Small trimming clippers for inside the ears, whiskers, and feet
Clipper Supplies

GROOMING KIT CONTAINING:

Equine Shampoo
Black Hoof Polish (Absorbine Supershine or Blacker Than Black by Farnam)
Clear Hoof Polish (for spots should you prefer rather than black)
A Finishing Spray (Healthy Hair Care, World Champion, Grand Champion, Show Sheen, Cowboy Magic, Vellus products, and Ultra)
Silverado Face Glo (for muzzle) or Baby Oil GEL (less expensive option)
Brushes
Hoof Pick
Scissors (for trimming mane)
Washing Glove or Plastic Groom-a-Mit (for deep scrubbing)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Hay Bag
Hay and Grain
Bucket for Grain for each Donkey
Bucket for Water for each Donkey
Poop Rake/Pooper Scooper
Fly Spray
Water Hose and Spray Nozzle
Towels
Flooring for Tack Stall such as carpet, mats, tarps, etc.
Muck Bucket (large bucket with handles to remove poop from stalls)
Bungee Cords
String
Plastic Tie Wraps
Plastic Gloves
Safety Pins
Number Clips (easier than using safety pins for your numbers)
Needle and Thread
Stall Hooks (to hang show attire)
Halter and Leads (take an extra in case one breaks)
Show Halter and Lead (take an extra in case one breaks)
Hole Punch
Cooler with Water, Cold Drinks

Snacks
Paper Cups, Plastic Forks and Knives
Paper Towels
Trash Bags (for garbage, wet towels, etc.)
Lawn Chairs
Lock and Chain for your Tack Stall (if you want it locked)
Wet Ones (to wash hands without soap)
Fanny Pack (for money, class schedule, rulebook, etc.)
Fans (not needed in most shows)
Heat Lamps (not needed in most shows)
Extension Cords
Camera
Ranch Signs and Other Advertising
Table to Advertise Your Ranch (business cards, pictures, folding displays, etc.)

SHOW APPARREL:

Western Hat
Western Shirt and Pants
Western Boots
Belt

DRIVING EQUIPMENT:

Cart
Harness
Whip
Gloves
Repair Equipment for Tires and Cart
Tire Pump or Additional Tire
Hard Hat (youth only)

PAPERWORK:

Negative Coggins Test (not older than 1 year)
Health Certificate (not older than 45 days. Check show rules if this is needed.)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS:

You will want to know the rules under which each show is governed in order for you to comply with the rules for halter and performance. The organization or association putting on the show will tell you under whose rules they are following. You might then want to obtain a copy of that rulebook for your review prior to the show. Have fun in the show ring. Remember, these are memories we are making. Make them good ones!

