

Try Canter Dressage Test: Preamble

What is it?

This Test is perfect for riders who have been riding walk and trot Dressage Tests and are wanting to try incorporating some canter.

The Try Canter Test is designed to build confidence and to give both horse and rider the experience of riding in a dressage arena. It aims to act as a 'stepping stone' for riders before riding more complex tests that require a confident ability in walk, trot and canter.

Note:

Please refer to our 'Dressage Hints and Tips' Series for further guidance on riding a successful Dressage Test!

How to Ride it?

The Test focuses on the walk and trot, however it also includes an optional canter component at Movement 7.

This gives riders the option to choose to either ride a 20m canter circle, or a 20m medium walk circle.

As most horses and riders find it easier to canter in a corner, Movement 7 gives them the opportunity to canter between the markers M&C or between the markers C&H. In this Movement, only the transition will be judged, be it trot to canter, or trot to walk.



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No.		Rider:	Horse:	Date:	Event:		
Marks: (10) Excellent, (9) Very Good, (8) Good, (7) Fairly Good, (6) Satisfactory, (5) Sufficient, (4) Insufficient, (3) Fairly Bad, (2) Bad, (1) Very Bad (0) Not Executed							
		Movement	Directive	Mark out of 10	5 0 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100	Total	Comments
1	A X	Enter working trot Halt salute	Regular trot, balance, straightness Attentive, Steady, Still				
2	C E	Track Left Turn Left	Correct bend to the left, riding into the corner Clear turn at E, straight to B				
3	B	Turn Right	Clear turn right, keep straight				
4	F F-K	Medium walk Medium Walk	Contact & purpose in walk				
5	K-M	Free Walk	Light contact, horse down & stretching				
6	C	Working Trot 20m circle	Balance, Shape, Bend				
7	M-H A/C	Canter Left & ride 20m circle at C OR Medium walk & ride 20m circle	Calmness in the transition, correct outline shown Willingness & activity				
8	C	Working Trot 20m circle	Willingness & activity				
9	H-F	Cross Diagonal Working Trot	Straightness, regularity & activity				
10	A X	Down centreline Halt & Salute	Clear turn onto centreline, Balance, Submission				

Collective Marks

Obedience of the pony. Accuracy and smoothness of test				2		
Position and control of the rider				2		
Total Good Marks				140		
Penalties- minus 2		Reason:		Minus Total Penalties of		
Course Errors (Cumulative)		1st -2	2nd -4 (=6)	3rd Elimination	Minus Total Errors of	
Final Mark					Judge's Name (Print):	
Percentage		%	Penalty Points (deduct final mark from 140)		Judges Signature:	

