



## Ground-School Checklist

4 Week Development

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Foundation Skills

- Horse can stand tied
- Horse trailer loads/unloads itself confidently
- Horse accepts grooming/bathing/clipping
- Horse accepts fly spray/fly mask
- Horse can pick up all four feet and hold them up
- Horse can be lead by its legs
- Horse relaxes his neck when it is pinched (needle simulation)
- Horse willingly accepts a paste deworming simulation

### Saddling Prerequisites

- Horse catches the human
- Horse lowers head and tilts toward human to put halter on
- Horse leads respectfully at the walk, trot, and backup
- Horse accepts ropes, saddle blankets, tarps, and/or humans across its back
- Horse can walk, trot, canter, and go over a jump on a line
- Horse can stand quietly and confidently while tacked up

### Riding Prerequisites

- Horse responds to steady pressure to yield the forehand, hindquarters, and sideways
- Horse can bend its neck into a one-rein/emergency stop from the ground