

# Play Day Kit

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***Having Fun With Your Horse***

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## *How the Play Day Kit Came To Be*

“Having fun on horseback can often be something simple as playing games in the arena. We took some old favorites and put together a kit that is sure to delight kids of all ages. You can use these items by yourself or you can invite others to join in. We have also included a stop watch to cater to those of you who like to add some competition to your play! A really nice horse poster that includes a horse's parts of the body, body language and different gaits complete this kit. This kit is a great choice for 4-Hers or for anyone just wanting to have fun!”

Recommended experience level: Because the play day kit requires solid riding skills, we recommend this kit for the experienced rider unless under the supervision of a professional.

## Play Day Kit Item List

Please Note: While we try our best to provide the exact items seen here, if we are unable to order a specific item from our suppliers, we reserve the right to replace it with an as good or better quality item that provides a similar function.



**Heavy Duty Tote Bag** Fun Kit Color: Red

Dimensions: 18 ½" x 14 ½" x 4" with 27" double handles

Material: 600D Flexar Canvas

Our tote bag is very sturdy and has with lots of room. It is a great way to carry the items you will be using in your Play Day Kit!



**Sponge for Horse** Hydra Finepore All Purpose Body/Bath Sponge 6 ½" x 4" x 2"

What a great way to cool down your horse or to give him a bath!



**Hand Towel for Human** Color: Black, Dimensions: 16" x 28" (wash before first use)

Working with horses can be hot, sweaty work so we included a hand towel for you to use to cool off or clean up with.



**Insulated Lunch Bag for Horse and Human to share** Foam insulated with waterproof lining. Front pocket. Has a handy carrying strap that can also be looped onto a saddle horn and an easy open Velcro fastener.

Fun Kit Lunch Bag Color: Red

Dimensions: 9" x 7" x 4 ¾"

Material: 70D Nylon

I get shaky if I go too long without a snack. Our lunch bags can easily hold those snack bars, fruit or sandwiches that are so important for a fun session with your horse – you don't want to get hungry in the middle of your time together and not have something to eat!



**Aquaclip for Water or Beverage Bottle** A handy gadget for securing your water or beverage bottle to your saddle or it comfortably slips over your waistband or belt. It also comes with “gripper teeth to open stubborn beverage caps. The aqua clip is durable, non-toxic and recyclable. Water bottle not included.



### **Set of Two Spoons and Eggs**

Spoons, 12"; eggs, 2 1/2"

Remember that old favorite party game you played when you were a kid – you had to balance an egg on a spoon as you raced against a friend. If the egg fell you lost, and the fastest time was the grand winner. We have brought that game back for playing on horseback with colorful wooden spoons and eggs that are sure to bring shouts of laughter as riders try to balance their eggs while steering their mounts. Variations include positioning the egg on its bottom for a greater level of difficulty and attempting to keep the egg in place at faster gaits.

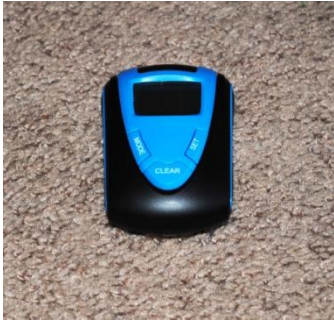


### **Bean Bags**

Set of 3 Reinforced Nylon Bean Bags Size: 5" with reinforced stitching

Colors vary.

These bean bags are sturdy and easy to grip. Tossing in a bucket from horseback is just one activity that these colorful bean bags can be used for – just use your imagination and come up with your own variations!



**Stopwatch and Pedometer (battery included)** Simple 3 button operation. For those of you who like to add competition to your fun, we have provided an easy to use stop watch. It even has a clip that will let you clip it to your waistband, pocket, or onto your saddle. You can use the stop watch to time races between riders using the spoon and eggs, or perhaps in a bean bag relay race - the possibilities are endless! The pedometer function is also available for you to use as part of your daily exercise routine.



**Inflatable Cones** Set of Four: Our 10" inflatable cones have a lightly weighted base that helps them to stay in place. Extremely portable, these cones can clearly mark a course for your arena games or be used to mark the start and finish lines.



**Horse Poster** This awesome horse poster is ideal to hang in the tack room or at 4-H club meetings. It is a great gift for a horse crazy kid or an adult that would like a handy reference. It includes pictures of the different horse types, parts of the horse, illustrations of different gaits, horse body language, care and tack.



**Mrs. Pastures Cookies for Horses** A sample pack of three cookies is included in your kit. Dylan loves these cookies and gets two every time I go to the barn – and he knows it too! All natural ingredients made of oats, wheat bran, rolled barley, cane molasses, apples and water with no additives or preservatives. Because they are dehydrated instead of baked, they are hard and crunchy so they won't crumble in your pocket. We also offer a variety of sizes on our website.



## ***HAVING FUN WITH YOUR HORSE AND THE PLAY DAY KIT***

The possibilities are really up to you and your imagination. But the first step in any endeavor with your horse when introducing a new object, is to allow him some time to get used to it. The main components of your Play Day Kit are the spoon and eggs, bean bags and inflatable cones, with a stop watch to allow you to “time” your competitions. We recommend that you only work with one item at a time. Introduce the item slowly and allow your horse to get comfortable with it – always starting this process on the ground. As your horse grows more confident, you can try different things. Keep in mind that since every horse is different, they will respond differently to different objects. Some horses may be totally bored and yawn – other horses may be convinced that the bean bags will eat them. Be careful to progress at your horse’s rate and above all, do so safely. Once your horse is calm and relaxed around the objects in your kit – you are ready to play!



*Our Play Day Kit can be enjoyed by children and adults alike!*



**\*\*Special Safety Note:** Always drop your spoon if you find yourself losing your balance – you can always recover it later, but you do not want to be holding it if you find yourself falling off of your horse.

Be creative – perhaps you can entice your friends into playing some games with you in the arena. If you can get some of your friends involved, you could have a game day and set up different competitions. While we don't use our Play Day kit every day, we do use it as a pleasant break when we both are ready to do something different. It keeps us both fresh so that our arena work doesn't become dull over time. The Play Day Kit helps us to have fun in the arena by playing games that challenge us to stay balanced and perform different tasks that are only limited by making sure we are following safe practices and by using our imagination!



*Having fun pitching bean bags into a bucket – try it at different distances or different gaits!*



**A Book We Would Like to Recommend: Games on Horseback by Bennett-Talbot & Bennet, Storey Publishing**

**This book is packed full of great information and ideas for riders of all levels, always with safety in mind!**

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