



# HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT PONY CLUB FOR YOUR FAMILY

So, your child has expressed an interest in ponies and is excited to start their own personal journey with horsemanship. As a parent, where should you start when it comes to choosing the right pony club for you? If you don't know where to start, our handy guide will highlight exactly what to look for when choosing a pony club and what sets Think Like a Pony apart from the rest.

## LOOK FOR A CLUB THAT SUITS YOUR LIFESTYLE

The best pony club for you and your family will offer flexible options that fit around your lifestyle and current commitments. The first step to finding the right pony club for you is to find a learning solution that's convenient. If you have a limited budget or limited time, an online pony club could provide a plethora of advantages allowing your child to slot in learning activities at a time to suit them.

## EXPLORE THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA

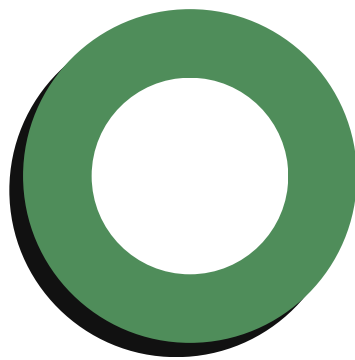
One way to get an insight into what a pony club can offer you and your child is to join their online social community. This way you can see for yourself if this is a space you feel welcome in and decide if you resonate with their teaching styles.

## LOOK FOR RELATIONSHIP - BASED LEARNING

Perhaps you want a pony club that doesn't simply focus on riding skills or basic horsemanship education. That's why we offer relationship based learning that explores the relationship-between a human and a pony and the bond that is formed as a result. Our learning techniques include recognising body language signals and using communication as a way to be a better rider.



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# CONSIDER ETHICAL PONY CARE

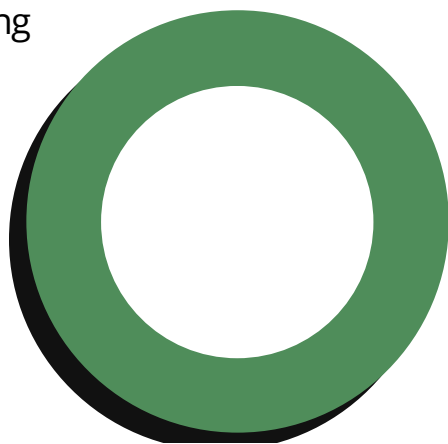
Another sign of a good pony club is one that not only makes sure that your child's needs are met but that the ponies' needs are met also. When you join our pony club, one thing that you will understand from the get go is that every learning technique and exercise is a win win, which means it won't just fill your child with joy but those happy feelings extend to the pony too.

When your care for a horse comes from a place of respect for the animal, it is beneficial to both the child and the pony. This is why we focus on holistic care for all our ponies, encompassing diet, footcare, massage and dentistry. We also make sure to give our ponies adequate rest and down time. This process ensures our ponies are always in good physical and emotional condition, enabling them to be the best possible partner for the children who ride them.



# LOOK FOR AN ETHOS THAT ALIGNS WITH YOUR FAMILY VALUES

Of course, in an ideal world your horsemanship philosophies will align. At Think Like a Pony, our philosophy is that everyone should feel listened to and we do this by creating a safe space where both child and pony can be their authentic selves. This way, everyone feels seen and heard. This means both the child and pony communicate in a way where they honestly and safely express what they're feeling in an authentic way.



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