

Western Pleasure
vs
Ranch Pleasure

What is Western Pleasure

- This event is all about the horse
- Judge is looking for the “Best, Slow, Correct” Mover.
 - Should be a pleasing gate that when rode is comfortable
 - Horse should barely feel like it is moving.



Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0QWawKXu-l>

How to Score Western Pleasure

- 5 areas that will be scored
 - Walk
 - Slow, steady **4 beat gait**, no pauses or bubbles in movement
 - Jog
 - **2 beat gait**, slow enough that there is always hoof contact with ground
 - Lope
 - Opposite front and back should strike ground same time making it a **3 beat gait**. Also should be slow enough that there is always hoof contact with ground
 - Back
 - Straight with no pauses or dragging. Head should tuck and give to bit
 - Frame (Body Posture of Horse)
 - Arched back with legs collected underneath.
 - Neck should be long and flat. Head is not to drop lower than the tip of the ears with the withers.
 - Face should be perpendicular to ground.

How to Score Cont.

- Extremely Poor: $-1 \frac{1}{2}$
- Very Poor: -1
- Poor: $-\frac{1}{2}$
- Average: 0
 - Every Horse starts at "0" then gets pluses or minuses
- Good: $\frac{1}{2}$
- Very Good: 1
- Excellent: $1 \frac{1}{2}$

You Be the Judge: Western Pleasure

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yP1egescmw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wjF05ocFQk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dR3oLC9T71s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyRvsflvMxY>

#	Jog	Ext. Jog	Lope	Frame	TOTAL
1	- ½	½	- ½	- ½	-1
2	½	0	0	- ½	0
3	½	0	½	-1	0
4	1	0	½	0	1 ½

Horse #1 - Drags Left Hind at the Jog; Very good Extended Jog; A little head movement at the Lope; Head set too low

Horse #2- Good, Smooth, Easy Jog: Average Extension; Average lope; Head set too low

Horse #3- Good, Smooth, Easy Jog: Average Extension; Average Lope; Head too low or Nose is pointing out

Horse #4- Excellent Jog: Average Extension; Good lope better than Average; Head set and body frame is Average

4-2-3-1

Cuts: 3-1-3

What is Ranch Pleasure

- Ranch pleasure is a class designed to showcase the movement and versatility of the working ranch-style horse.
 - But you don't need a bona fide ranch horse to compete, and needn't be a ranch hand yourself.
 - Ranch pleasure is said to be one of the fastest-growing classes in the show arena today.

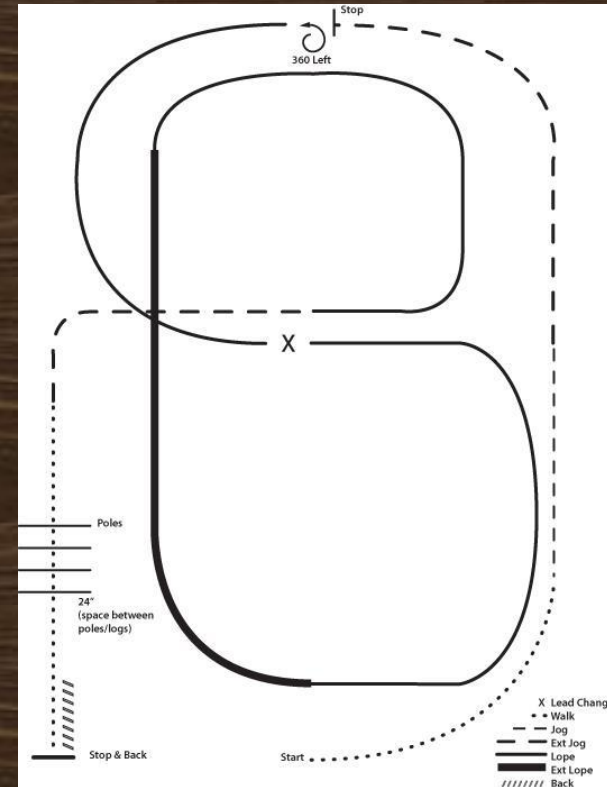


Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7SJ6aQx9KU>

How to Judge Ranch Pleasure

- IT'S A PATTERN!!!
- It is judged like Reining and Trail
- Each horse starts with a score of **70**
 - Scores range from **0** to **100**



How to Judge Cont.

- Required maneuvers:
 - walk, jog, and lope both directions: and the extended jog and lope at least one direction; as well as stops, turn to change directions, and back.
- Three optional maneuvers:
 - side pass, turns of 360 or more, change of lead (simple or flying), walk, jog, or lope over a pole(s); or some reasonable combination of maneuvers that would be reasonable for a ranch horse to perform.
- No time limit
- Apparel and Equipment:
 - (1) No hoof polish.
 - (2) No braided or banded manes or tail extensions.
 - (3) Trimming inside ears is discouraged.
 - (4) Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair.
 - (5) Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNvuWRcBd3Y>

#	Walk	Jog	Ext.Jog	Pivot	LF lope /LC	RG Lope	Lope Ext.	Jog /Walk	Logs	Back	TOTAL
1	0	0	- ½	0	- ½	0	0	0	- ½	0	68 ½
2	0	0	0	½	- ½	0	- ½	½	0	0	70
3	0	-1	0	-1 ½	-1	0	0	0	0	0	66 ½
4	0	0	- ½	-1	- ½	- ½	-1	0	½	- ½	66 ½

Horse #1: Average walk and Jog; **Needs more extension**; average pivot; **hoped and flicked tail on lead change**; Average lope and extension, jog and walk; **Ticked logs twice**; Average Back

Horse #2: Average walk, jog and extension; Planted pivot; **jogged into left lead**; average right lead but **not enough extension**; excellent gait transition from lope to jog; average logs and back

Horse #3: Average walk; **Jogged about 5 strides before pattern says to** but average extension; **Did not plant any hooves for pivot and bracing against bit**; good left lead but **broke to a stop to change leads**; average rest of ride.

Horse#4: Average walk and jog but **not enough extension**; **did not plant hoof to pivot**; **not striding out properly for both leads and no difference in extension**; average walk/jog: good logs did not pause; **head went up when backed**.

2-1-4-3 Cuts: 3-4-1

Questions?!?