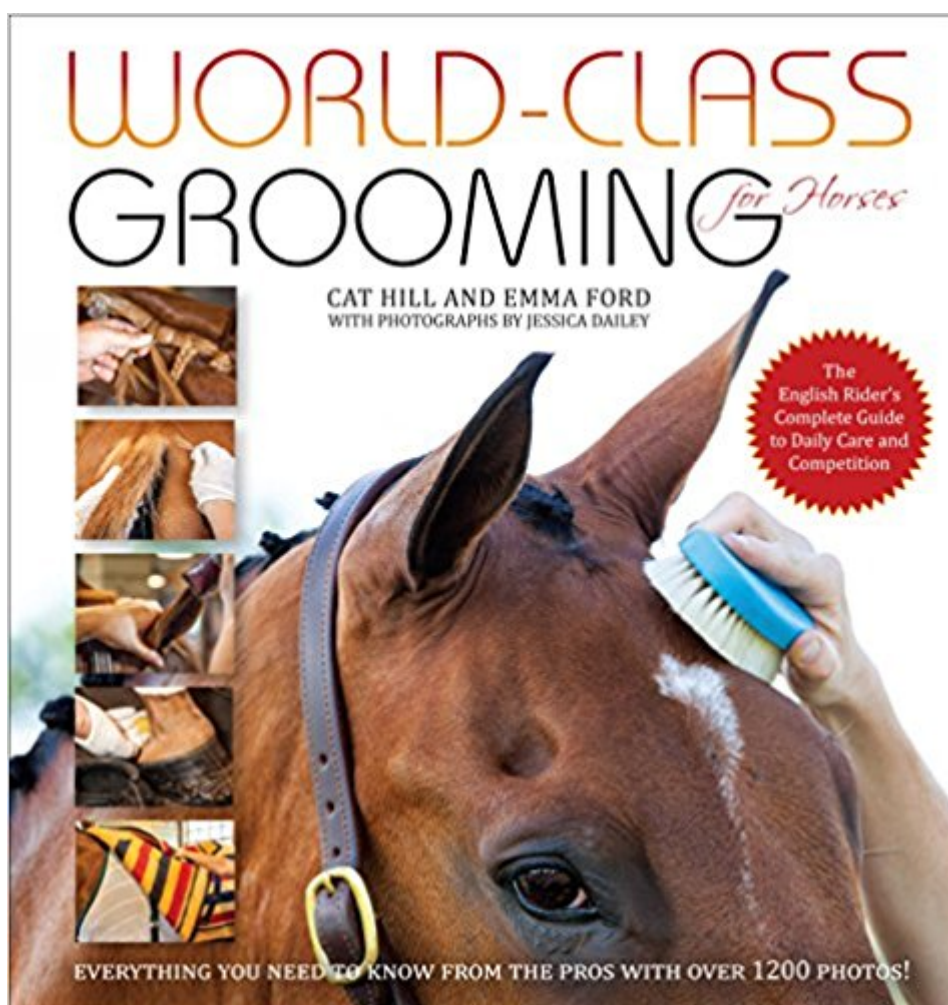


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# World-Class Grooming For Horses: The English Rider's Complete Guide To Daily Care And Competition



## Synopsis

When owning, training, riding, and showing horses, there is a certain look to which one aspires. World-class turnout; a horse in peak condition, perfectly coiffed and luminous with health, outfitted with gleaming and well-fit tack appropriate for his sport; can take your breath away. And while it can certainly play a significant role in a competitive rider's success, it is just as appealing to have any horse groomed to the nines, whether he's headed for an afternoon lesson or just out on the trail. Achieving this superior look is not just about clean tack, shiny brass, spotless stockings, or perfect braids. The most important steps are in the day-to-day nitty-gritty of grooming and caring for the horse: noticing something not quite right about the way the horse looks or moves before it becomes something wrong; brushing and combing and trimming a little every day so the horse's skin and coat remain healthy; knowing how to prepare a horse properly for training, and how to cool him down afterward. Now, two of the best professional groomers in the business share their trade secrets, with over 1200 color photographs accompanying the ultimate modern-day guide for all riders who want their horses to look and feel their best.

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"[T]op groomers Cat Hill and Emma Ford demonstrate how to clean the horse from nose to tail; wrap, clip, braid, and ship him; prepare him for competition; and care for him after work or showing so he is rested and ready to do it all again. New York Horse; it's all there in one spiral-bound book, making it a great resource for

experienced horsemen and novices alike, and it should be considered required reading for those looking into working student or groom positions. Whether you're looking for instructions on how to do hunter braids, wrap a leg properly, or adjust a figure-eight noseband, you can be sure Ford and Hill have done it thousands of times, and they're eager to share their knowledge.

Chronicle of the Horse; Emma Ford and Cat Hill have taken their careers as professional grooms to another level. The pride they take in their work and the skill they exhibit in both keeping horses at home and preparing them for competition are unparalleled. We can all learn from them and be better horsemen for it.

Phillip Dutton, 5-time Olympic equestrian with 2 Gold medals; What a wonderful book! What the authors have done here is absolutely tops. It doesn't matter your discipline; eventing, dressage, hunters, jumpers, or even Western; you'll find invaluable information here. And there's something to learn whatever your level; novice, professional, or anywhere in between. World-Class Grooming for Horses is so needed; it is the only book out there like it. Anyone can benefit from it, and I highly recommend it.

Jeff Cook, hunter/jumper trainer; I so enjoyed reading such a thoroughly detailed book on the grooming and care of the valuable show horse. This book truly explains how one demonstrates impeccable horsemanship!

Lisa Wilcox, former US Dressage Team member (2002-2004) and 2003 European Championships Individual Silver medalist; World-class equestrian sports rely on excellent horse care and horsemanship. This comprehensive guide by two grooms at the top of the industry provides the foundation needed to create a quality horse care program.

Clark Shipley, professional groom; In World-Class Grooming for Horses, we learn techniques for wrapping legs, bandaging tails, adding quarter marks, and polishing the metal on our bridles. But we also meet two conscientious and supremely motivated horse people who put the needs of the horse first in their own work, and do their best to show us how to do the same.

Silva Martin, US Dressage Team member; This guide to daily care and competition, with more than 1,200 photos, is enlivened by the authors' anecdotes, pro tips, and barn gossip sidebars.

Lone Star Horse Report

Cat Hill grew up in upstate New York on a working farm. Her first clear memory is of the day her parents got her a pony for her fifth birthday. She grew up on that pony, who was followed by a series of Arabian show horses. In college, she started riding show hunters through the Intercollegiate Horse Show Team at the University of Geneseo. After receiving her degree, she

followed her love of horses to Ireland. Upon returning to the States, Cat spent time as a working student for a top Grand Prix Dressage Rider, a winter working the Winter Equestrian Festival for a Grand Prix Showjumping rider, and moved on to manage a AA Hunter barn. More recently she began freelancing as a groom in every discipline. Throughout the years she has worked at almost every type of competition, from the local fair to the Pan American Games. Emma Ford originated from North Devon England and was brought up in the hunt field with her dad as Master of the Foxhounds. Emma was raised surrounded by horses. She grew up in the Pony Club system, receiving her 'B' designation and culminating with jumping at the Horse of the Year Show in 1991. After completing her BS at the University of Wales she moved to the United States to follow her passion with horses. She has groomed at almost every four-star event in the world, and has been a member of the U.S. Eventing Team at multiple Olympic, World, and Pan American Games. Throughout the years, in addition to eventing, Emma has had the opportunity to turn horses out at many upper level show-jumping competitions including the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington Florida as well as work for a promising young dressage rider at many upper level dressage shows. Jessica Dailey is the owner of Jess Lynn Photography, located in the picturesque Finger Lakes Region of Upstate New York. Her work includes commercial, event, landscape, and portrait photography.

Really enjoyable and informative book Lots of pictures of both the correct way to do something and also what not to do. I also enjoyed the anecdotes. I have only two very minor issues....I wish they showed a gray horse. My gray is certainly a challenge to keep clean and any tips and tricks are always appreciated. I also wish it was available as an ebook. This is a large heavy book, not one to carry around to read at odd moments.

Such a clear and comprehensive book on grooming. You do not have to be a big time show competitor to want to know all the great advice this book has to offer. Anyone who wants to give their equine the best possible care will appreciate the information and advice set forth in this book. A must have for every person who is truly learning horsemanship and want to know how to responsibly care for their horse. A perfect gift for the young person or someone new to horses to help them be the best possible steward for their horse. Well done!

I absolutely loved it. A truly comprehensive compilation of top class grooming, definitely a book every passionate horseperson should own! The photos and lists of supplies for each aspect of

horse and equipment care are really convenient. One thing that I've found odd about the authors' narrative is that if they are permanently focusing on safe and proper horse handling, why do plenty of photos show them short pants and flimsy rubber footwear? That apparel won't stand a chance if there's trouble while handling a horse.

Absolutely love this book! Just received it yesterday and cannot put it down. Easy to follow descriptions along with wonderful photos. I can't wait to tell others about this book. It will make a wonderful gift to Pony Clubbers. Love reading the authors personal stories throughout the book.

No matter what I do, I just can't make my horse look as good as some of the others in the ring. It seems like other riders, or their grooms, must have a cheat sheet for achieving this look. Well...this is the book that shares those little tips, tidbits, and secrets for making your horse look great. Finally! I love that the book is filled with great pictures so that you can visualize what they are telling you. There is a lot of information packed into this book. I also like the spiral bound format. The purpose - so you can keep the book open to the page while you are working on the desired technique. This book is for anyone who wants to learn how to groom their horse to perfection.

Awesome book!! More than I hoped for. Not just information about grooming horses, this book covers all sorts of horse care issues. It's written in a clear language with very helpful illustrations. The best book I've seen so far on horse care and I've seen a lot. Explains how to do a task clearly and why you do it that way. Safety issues for you and the horse. Lots of health care of the horse is written about too. I never knew there were so many leg wraps with so many different functions. Good stuff to know though.

Hands down the best grooming guide I've ever bought. I love this book. Definitely worth the \$\$! Would also be a great gift for an up-and-coming rider or for a mid-level riding friend who just got that awesome working student position. There is so much knowledge between these pages- it really made me rethink the organization of my tack box and overall made my life so much easier! In addition to grooming tips, there are sample schedules, check lists, and some great stories of what could go wrong, and how to prevent it. 5 stars!

I really am interested in learning how to do a good job in grooming my horse and this book offers excellent tips and guidance from two professional groomers. I especially like all of the pictures that

were included and also the fact that they include pictures that show you how you should NOT do certain things. Very informative and helpful!

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