

Vineyard Hounds  
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### MASTER

Coat: Square-cornered scarlet (Pinque) single breasted frock coat. No flaps on waistline and no pockets on outside of coat, except a whistle pocket, if desired. There should be not less than four nor more than five large "VH Hunt Buttons" in front, two behind, and two or three small "VH Hunt Buttons" on cuff of each sleeve. The material should be of melton cloth or heavy twill. Colors on collar.

Breeches: White

Vest: Canary waistcoat

Shirt & Neckwear: White soft shirt and plain white hunting stock neatly tied and fastened with a plain gold stock pin. Pre-tied stocks are undesirable.

Cap: Regulation black velvet hunting cap with ribbon points turned downward.

Boots: Regulation hunting boots of black calf with brown boot tops (tabs sewn on, but not sewn down to tops which should be sewn on the boots). White boot garters to match the breeches must be worn.

Gloves: Heavy wash leather or, if preferred, brown leather gloves.

Rain-Gloves: Either white or colored rain gloves should be carried under the girth.

Spurs: Optional. If worn must be blunt with a moderately short neck. No rowels. Black straps to match the boots.

Whip: Regulation hunting whip.

Wire-Cutters: Wire-cutters should be carried in a leather case on side of front of saddle.

Flask & Sandwich-Case: Optional, but if carried, should contain food and drink.

Horn: Regulation hunting horn, carried either stuck in front of coat or in a leather case fastened on either side of front of saddle.

NO HORN CARRIED BY ANYONE EXCEPT MASTER OR HUNTSMAN

#### HONORARY HUNTSMAN

"Turn-out" the same as that for Master.

#### PROFESSIONAL HUNTSMAN

"Turn-out" the same as that for Master except that flask and sandwich case are not permissible.

#### HONORARY WHIPPER-IN

"Turn-out" the same as that for Master or in the case of a lady honorary whipper-in, she may optionally turn-out as a lady rider astride, with colors.

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Spare Couples: Spare set of traditional leather hound couples should be fastened to a D on near side of saddle.

Spare Stirrup Leather: Optional, but if carried, may be worn under coat, or if preferred, worn outside of coat, should be worn over right shoulder under left arm, buckled in front with the point of the strap down.

#### PROFESSIONAL WHIPPER-IN

"Turn-out" the same as that for Honorary Whipper-In except flask and sandwich case are not permissible. Coats should have large "hare-pocket" on inside of skirt.

#### GENTLEMAN MEMBER WITH COLORS

As a mark of distinction, regular members of the Hunt may be given the right by the Master to wear the hunt colors and hunt button. This entitles gentleman members to wear the "Pinque Coat". The turn-out is the same as for the Master, but with only four front buttons. Optionally, a black top hat may be worn instead of a hunt cap, in which case an optional black hat cord can be worn, attached to a ring sewn inside the coat collar, a little to one side.

The hunt colors are worn on the collar and brass buttons with the hunt initials (VH) must be worn on both the "Pinque Coat" and the canary waistcoat.

Should a gentleman member with colors prefer not to wear the "Pinque Coat" then the following formal attire is appropriate:

Coat: Black formal hunting coat or double breasted dress hunting coat (commonly called a "Shad-belly"). The buttons are of black bone or equivalent with the hunt initials (VH) in white. The coat should have either four or five large buttons in front, two large ones behind, and two or three small ones on each cuff. Hunt colors should be worn on collar.

Breeches: White or buff

Shirt & Neckwear: Soft white shirt with plain white hunting stock tied neatly and fastened with a plain gold stock pin. Pre-tied stocks are undesirable.

Vest: Canary waistcoat

Boots: Regulation black hunting boots (same as for Master) with brown tops and white boot garters.

Hat: Regulation black velvet hunt cap with ribbon points sewn upwards. Cap may be equipped with safety harness if desirable, but safety harness must be fully attached, complete, and fully fastened. If not equipped with safety harness, the black elastic strap must be either under the chin or cut off. It is not permissible to wear the elastic strap above the visor. A reinforced black top hat may also be worn, however, a hunt cap is considered safer. Hat cord optional.

Gloves: White string or brown leather

Rain-Gloves: White or colored rain-gloves should be carried under the girth.

Spurs: Optional. Blunt with black straps - no rowels.

Whip: Regulation hunting whip

Flask & Sandwich Case: Optional - if carried should contain food and drink.

GENTLEMAN MEMBER WITHOUT COLORS

Coat: A black formal hunting coat or double breasted dress hunting coat (commonly called a "Shad-belly"). If awarded buttons, they shall be black bone or equivalent and inscribed VH in white.

Breeches: White or buff

Vest: Canary waistcoat

Shirt & Neckwear: Soft white shirt with plain white hunting stock neatly tied and fastened with a plain gold stock pin. Pre-tied stocks are undesirable.

Hat: Regulation black velvet hunt cap with ribbon points sewn upwards. May be equipped with fully attached, complete and fully fastened safety harness if desirable. If not equipped with safety harness, black elastic strap must be under chin or cut off. It is not permissible to wear black elastic strap above visor. Reinforced black top hat or bowler (derby) may be worn instead of regulation hunting cap, however, a hunt cap is considered safer. A black hat cord is optional, but if worn, should be attached to a ring sewn inside the coat collar, a little to one side.

Gloves: White string or brown leather

Rain-Gloves: Either white or colored rain-gloves should be carried under the girth.

Boots: Regulation black calf hunting boots

Spurs: Optional. If worn, should be blunt, not roweled, and have the single strap going all the way around the instep. Strap should match boots in color.

Whip: Regulation hunting whip

Flask & Sandwich Case: Optional, but if carried, should contain food and drink.

LADY MEMBER (SIDE SADDLE)

Habit: Dark melton or other dark cloth. If lady member has been awarded colors, they shall be worn on collar and buttons worn on front of jacket of habit.

Shirt & Neckwear: Soft white shirt with plain white hunting stock neatly tied and fastened with a plain gold stock pin.

Hat: Reinforced black top hat (ladies silk hunting hat) to be worn with a double breasted dress hunting coat. Black bowler (derby) to be worn with a plain jacket.

Veils: Optional

Boots: Regulation black hunting boots

Spurs: Optional. Blunt - no rowels. Black straps to match color of boots.

Gloves: Heavy wash leather or brown leather gloves

Rain-Gloves: Either white or colored rain-gloves should be carried under the girth.

Flask & Sandwich Case: Optional. If carried should contain food and drink.

LADY MEMBER (ASTRIDE, WITHOUT COLORS)

Coat: Black formal hunting coat or a double breasted dress hunting coat (commonly called a "Shad-belly").

Breeches: Buff, Brown

Shirt & Neckwear: Soft white shirt with a plain white hunting stock neatly tied and fastened with a plain gold stock pin. Pre-tied stocks are undesirable.

Boots: Black calf with black patent leather tops.

Hat: Regulation black velvet hunt cap with ribbon points sewn upwards. Cap may be equipped with safety harness if desirable, but harness must be fully attached, complete, and fully fastened. If not equipped with safety harness, the black elastic strap must be either under the chin or cut off. It is not permissible to wear the elastic strap above the visor. Black reinforced silk top hat or black bowler (derby) may also be worn. Hat cord optional.

Gloves: White string or brown leather

Rain-Gloves: Either white or colored rain-gloves should be carried under the girth.

Spurs: Optional. Blunt - no rowels. Black straps to match color of boots.

Whip: Regulation hunting whip

Flask & Sandwich Case: Optional. If carried, should contain food and drink.

With regard to the appropriate way for a lady to arrange her hair for hunting, it is customary, unless the hair is cut very close, to tie it up in a tight and inconspicuous hair-do that will keep it neat and out of the way. Hair nets and other such securing devices are helpful in this regard.

LADY MEMBER ASTRIDE (WITH COLORS)

The lady member with colors wears the hunt colors on the collar of her black hunting coat, "Shad-belly", or side-saddle habit and the hunt buttons (black bone or equivalent) with VH hunt engraved in white. All other turn-out same as for Lady Member without colors.

Ladies, whether or not they are entitled to wear the colors and buttons of the hunt, do not (unless a M.F.H. or member of the hunt staff) wear the scarlet or "Pinque Coat" - nor do they wear brass buttons on their black coats.

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#### JUNIOR MEMBER (UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)

Junior members may either wear ratcatcher or formal attire at any meet. Regulation hunt cap with safety harness is mandatory at any mounted event (including hunting, roading, trail rides, hunter trials, hunter pace, etc.) and must be securely fastened at all times while mounted. U.S. Pony Club approved cap is preferred. Jodphurs and paddock boots are acceptable for juniors.

RATCATCHER

Ratcatcher attire is worn during the cubbing season and as indicated on the fixture card. It may also be worn by guests at any time.

Coat: Brown or gray tweed, or a dark solid color material cut as a short riding coat. Coats are not required during hot weather when indicated by the Master.

Breeches: Buff or Brown (Rust)

Boots: Black or brown without tops

Hat: Regulation black or brown velvet hunt cap with ribbon points sewn upwards. May be equipped with fully attached, complete and fully fastened safety harness, if desirable. If not equipped with safety harness, black elastic strap must be under chin or cut off. It is not permissible to wear black elastic strap above visor. Optionally, a black or brown hunting bowler may be worn.

Shirt and Neckwear: Soft shirt worn with either a necktie, or white or colored ratcatcher shirt and collar. (Colors nor hunt buttons are ever worn on ratcatcher coats. If a stock or ratcatcher collar is worn, it should be neatly fastened with a plain gold stock pin.

Gloves: Optional. If used, should be white string or brown leather.

Spurs: Optional. Blunt - no rowels. Straps should match boots in color.

Whip: Regulation hunting whip.

Flask & Sandwich Case: Optional, but if carried, should contain food and drink.

HORSES AND TACK

Traditionally, a properly turned out horse and rider are taken as a compliment to the Hunt and the Master. The Vineyard Hounds members are very proud of our reputation for constantly improving in this respect.

Horses must have mane braided for Opening Hunt, Blessing of the Hounds, and Closing Meet. Braids must always be neat. Manes and forelocks must be properly thinned and shortened by pulling prior to braiding. Braiding of horses tail at these meets is optional, but if done at all, must be done neatly. Horses must always be clean with manes pulled to a uniform length of four (4) inches. Tails may be natural or squared. Tails cut above the hocks are undesirable. Mud tails held with yarn or thread to match hair are optional.

Western saddles and bridles or any pieces of western tack (bits, etc.) are not permissible during cubbing or the formal hunting season. Landowners excepted. Forward seat or eventing all-purpose saddles are required and preferred. Flat "Hermes Type" saddles may be used if rider is experienced and capable of using same. For the newcomer to foxhunting, the "Hermes Type" saddle is not recommended from the aspect of safety.

All tack should fit neatly and must always be clean. Loose and dangling straps must be sewn down or shortened.