

# LANNEHC4

## Assess the overall condition and footcare requirements of the equine



### Overview

This standard is about assessing and determining the footcare requirements of the equine in order to determine the footcare plan. This is critical to the comfort and welfare of the equine and for the successful use of the equine.

In order to assess the overall condition and footcare requirements of the equine, you will need to approach and humanely handle the equine in a manner that is likely to eliminate stress and alarm, and work in a position that is safe for the equine, yourself and others. You will need to observe the equine while it is stationary and in motion, to discuss the overall condition and desired use of the equine and agree the footcare requirements with the responsible person. You will know how to assess the condition and requirements for a variety of equines, both young and mature, which could include:

1. pony
2. riding horse
3. hunter
4. competition horse
5. racehorse
6. driving horse
7. draft horse
8. donkey
9. mule

Responsible person owner or nominated person

All activity should be carried out in accordance with the Veterinary Surgeons Act and other relevant legislation.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 select a method of humane handling and control that is appropriate for the equine concerned and its requirements in order to minimise the risks to the animal, the handler, yourself and others
- P2 assess the requirements of the equine taking into account its physiological needs, and bearing in mind its environment as well as client expectations,
- P3 identify planes of reference (anatomical directions), topographic surface anatomy, general anatomy and physiology (physiological systems)
- P4 assess the locomotion of the equine, and when assessing the footcare requirements, take into account the relationship between the equine's locomotion and its conformation.
- P5 discuss and agree the footcare requirements of the equine with the responsible person
- P6 ensure that the animal's health and welfare is maintained throughout
- P7 maintain the health and safety of the equine, yourself and others at all times.

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Equine types and requirements**

- K1 the recognition of the equine breeds, types and their work
- K2 the characteristics and temperament that are traits of different breeds and types of equine
- K3 topographical (surface) anatomy
- K4 how to recognise the points and regions of the equine
- K5 terminology and planes of reference
- K6 how to assess conformation
- K7 basic anatomy and physiology
- K8 how to recognise irregularities of basic locomotion and action.
- K9 the normal anatomy and physiology of the horse and how the presenting picture differs from this
- K10 how to score body condition and the impact of body condition on overall health and the equine foot
- K11 the impact of injuries and developmental abnormalities on equine foot health

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Legal aspects**

- K12 implications of the Veterinary Surgeons Act
- K13 implications of the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 as amended
- K14 implications of animal welfare and other relevant legislation

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