

Overview

This standard is about trimming and/or dressing equine hooves as determined by the footcare plan. Trimming refers to work on the foot surface by cutting and rasping. Dressing refers to rasping of the outside of the hoof wall. You will also know when it is not appropriate to trim or dress hooves.

In order to trim and dress hooves you will need to approach and handle the equine in a humane manner that is likely to eliminate stress and alarm and work in a position that is safe for the equine, yourself and others. You must be able to work on both fore and hind feet and will be able to trim and/or dress hooves safely, taking into account the following factors:

1. equine's approximate age
2. equine temperament
3. condition of hooves
4. welfare
5. environment
6. use of equine
7. previously shod or unshod

You will know how to trim and dress a variety of types of equines, both young and mature, which could include:

8. pony
9. riding horse
10. hunter
11. competition horse
12. racehorse
13. draft horse
14. driving horse
15. donkey
16. mule

You will take action on any conditions that cause changes to the footcare plan.

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

Responsible person – owner or nominated person

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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, to minimise the risks to the animal, the handler, yourself and others
- P2 adopt a working position that is safe for the equine and yourself
- P3 trim and dress hooves using appropriate tools and methods
- P4 trim and dress hooves in accordance with the agreed footcare plan
- P5 following trimming and dressing, amend the footcare plan if required and inform 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:

Working with equines

K1 safe working methods to trim and dress hooves

You need to know and understand:

Tools

K2 the types of tools for this work and how to use and maintain them

You need to know and understand:

Trimming and dressing

K3 the importance of foot balancing when trimming and dressing

K4 the purpose of trimming and dressing equine hooves

K5 limits of safe trimming and dressing and why these must not be exceeded

K6 effects of trimming and dressing on the stance and action of the equine

K7 when trimming is not appropriate

K8 how to work safely when trimming and dressing

K9 how to implement the footcare plan

You need to know and understand:

Legal aspects

K10 implications of the Veterinary Surgeons Act

K11 implications of the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 as amended

K12 implications of animal welfare and other relevant legislation

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