
Overview

This standard involves turning out and maintaining horses at grass and the routine checking of the horses and the land. It also includes catching a horse from grazing land.

The work described in this standard would be carried out following agreement of responsibilities with a supervisor.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of animal health and welfare and health and safety in connection with this work.

You will need to be able to recognise hazards and assess risks.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 Check that the land, boundaries and any shelters are suitable and secure
- P2 Check that an adequate supply of clean water is available
- P3 Select and fit equipment if necessary before leading the horses to the grazing area
- P4 Lead and release the horses to the grazing area as instructed
- P5 Check the behaviour and condition of grazing horses as appropriate
- P6 Take the appropriate action to resolve any problems if necessary
- P7 Catch and bring in horses as instructed
- P8 Maintain the health and safety of horses, self and others during the work.

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 The potential hazards which might occur in moving, releasing and catching horses
- K2 Methods of releasing horses into regular and new turn out areas
- K3 How often to check the horse, field and water depending on the time of year and weather
- K4 The types of records required and the importance of accurate record keeping
- K5 How to introduce a new horse into an established group
- K6 The group behaviour of horses (natural instincts, actions, reactions)
- K7 Risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
- K8 Your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation/codes of practice.

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Additional Information (Delete any sections not needed)

Scope/range

Maintain horses on grazing land in:

- Summer conditions
- Winter conditions
- All year round conditions

Scope/range
related to
performance
criteria

Scope/range
related to
knowledge and
understanding

Values

[VALUES]

Behaviours

[BEHAVIOURS]

Skills

[SKILLS]

Glossary

[GLOSSARY]

Links to other NOS

[LINKS]

External Links

[EXTERNAL]

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