
Overview

This standard involves assisting with foaling. This can include the preparation of the foaling box, recognition of the signs of imminent foaling, observation of foaling and the handling of the newborn foal.

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 within the workplace.

**Performance
criteria**

- You must be able to:*
- P1 Prepare foaling boxes according to instructions
 - P2 Prepare and assist with the use of appropriate equipment needed for foaling
 - P3 Recognise the main signs of imminent foaling and report to the appropriate person
 - P4 Assist with foaling as directed
 - P5 Handle the newly born foal in an appropriate manner
 - P6 Maintain the health and safety of horses, self and others during the work.

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 How to prepare foaling boxes with regard to the special requirements of the foaling mare and the newborn foal
- K2 The types of equipment for foaling and methods of maintaining it in a state ready for use
- K3 The main stages of foaling including the signs of foaling
- K4 The assistance you may be required to provide during foaling
- K5 Problems that could occur and when to call the veterinary surgeon
- K6 The reactions of the mare to the newborn foal
- K7 How to handle a newborn foal
- K8 How to maintain foaling records
- K9 The risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
- K10 Your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation/codes of practice.

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