

[Contribute to the evaluation and modification of training programmes for racehorses]



Overview

This standard is about contributing to the evaluation and modification of training programmes for racehorses. You should be able to carry out this work at each stage of fitness from road work to fast work, and with horses at varying levels of fitness, up to and including race fitness.

You should be able to evaluate the training activities, obtain feedback about the horse's performance and analyse the effectiveness of the training programme.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health and safety in connection with this work and be able to recognise hazards and assess risks within the workplace.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 Evaluate the training activities at regular intervals in accordance with current good practice and objectives
- P2 Obtain feedback from relevant personnel on all aspects relating to the training programme
- P3 Analyse the effects the training programme is having on the horse
- P4 Record the results of the training programme
- P5 Evaluate and record the suitability of the facilities, equipment and staff
- P6 Discuss the evaluation of the training activities with the relevant personnel
- P7 Review and adjust the objectives of the training programme where necessary
- P8 Communicate the modifications to the relevant personnel
- P9 Monitor and 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 When and why objectives of the training programme should be reviewed
- K2 How to obtain feedback regarding progress and from whom
- K3 How to analyse the feedback against the objectives of the training programme
- K4 The psychological/physical effects of training on the horse
- K5 Reasons for blood testing and the importance of liaison with the veterinary surgeon
- K6 The significance of identifying optimum body weights and the use of weigh bridges
- K7 The effects of temperament, age and experience on the behaviour of horses
- K8 Why it is important to agree changes with relevant personnel
- K9 Training aids and methods used
- K10 Facilities required, including; grass gallops, all weather gallops, hurdles, fences
- K11 Alternative training methods e.g. horse walkers and swimming pools
- K12 How a feeding programme will alter at various stages of fitness
- K13 Importance of regular, correct shoeing
- K14 Jockey Club and other regulations regarding routine vaccinations
- K15 How to recognise and assess the effects of physical problems and behavioural problems on a horse and its attitude to work and amend the programme accordingly
- K16 Risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
- K17 Your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation/codes of practice

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