

LANEQ406

Manage the breeding of horses



Overview

This standard is about managing the breeding of horses and will include organising and overseeing covering, mare and stallion selection, briefing and controlling staff and determining yard policy.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 Select stallions and/or mares in accordance with agreed policy
- P2 Define and communicate handlers' responsibilities and limits of authority
- P3 Obtain feedback from handlers on the progress of coverings
- P4 Take appropriate action if difficulties are encountered during coverings
- P5 Identify sub-fertility in mares and/or stallions and take appropriate action
- P6 Encourage individuals to make suggestions on how procedures could be improved
- P7 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 The importance of conformation, pedigree, value and past performance in the selection of breeding stock
- K2 The mare's reproductive system and hormonal control of the cycle
- K3 Detection of oestrus and the manipulation of the oestrus cycle
- K4 The stallion's reproductive system, semen quality and the implications of overuse
- K5 The detection, prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases
- K6 Causes of and treatment for sub-fertility and infertility in mares and stallions
- K7 Methods and timing of pregnancy testing
- K8 Maintaining the physical and psychological well-being of the stallion
- K9 The effects of transporting stallions, mares and foals by road, sea and air
- K10 Maintenance and organisation of stud records
- K11 Risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
- K12 Your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation/codes of practice.

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