

Clean the stables and yard, under supervision

Overview

This standard is about cleaning the stables and yard, under supervision. Cleaning will include skipping out, fully mucking out and disinfection of main yard area, muck heap, feed room, hay/straw barn and tack room.

The work described in this standard would be carried out under the direction of a supervisor. This could be direct supervision or it could be through providing instructions and monitoring work.

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

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity, according to instructions
2. approach the horse according to instructions and in a manner which minimises stress to the horse and risk to yourself and others
3. tie up and untie the horse safely and securely
4. prepare the equipment and bedding, under supervision
5. clean stables and dispose of waste, under supervision
6. replace and store equipment correctly after use
7. check that the water supply for the horse is clean
8. keep the yard and other areas clean and maintain the muck area, under supervision
9. clean surface drains, under supervision, to ensure the free flow of excess water
10. maintain hygiene and bio-security in accordance with instructions
11. report any problems with cleaning the stables and yard to the supervisor
12. be aware of the health and safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the use and care of personal protective equipment
2. basic horse welfare requirements, including forage and water provision
3. the types and depth of bedding used in stabling to maintain the horse's health and wellbeing
4. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimise stress and risk to yourself and others
5. how to handle, tie up and untie horses safely and securely
6. the correct methods for the disposal of waste
7. the types, correct use and storage of equipment used in cleaning stables and yards
8. the correct use and storage of cleaning materials and safety requirements for this
9. the types of hazards that may be present in the stable and yard
10. the importance of hygiene and bio-security to the welfare of horses
11. the health and safety implications associated with drains and muck heaps
12. your responsibilities for animal health and welfare and health and safety.

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Scope/range

Clean stables:

- skip out
- muck out
- disinfect

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Glossary

Types of bedding used in stabling may include:

- straw
- shavings
- paper
- rubber matting
- other alternatives

The yard and other areas may include:

- main yard area
- muck heap
- feed room
- hay/straw
- barn/area
- tack room
- surface drains

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