

Overview

This standard involves the care of racehorses after racing at any recognised Turf Authority meeting. You will be able to select the appropriate tools and materials in order to carry out routine tasks such as cooling down, washing off, application of rugs and health checks.

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

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

You will need to be able to recognise hazards in the workplace

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity, according to instructions
2. approach the racehorse in accordance with instructions and in a manner that minimises stress to the racehorse, and risk to yourself and others
3. control the racehorse after the race
4. escort the racehorse to the appropriate location, according to instructions
5. care for the racehorse after the race
6. identify any health and condition problems with the racehorse and report them to the appropriate person
7. maintain the safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the use and care of personal protective equipment
2. the health and welfare concerns associated with racing and the actions to be taken
3. the hazards likely to be encountered when controlling racehorses after racing
4. the post-race procedures that must be followed, including escorting winners to enclosures and escorting horses to the veterinary box
5. the equine anti-doping rules and dope-testing procedures
6. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimise stress and risk to yourself and others
7. the importance of providing water correctly after racing
8. the health problems that may occur after racing, including lameness and minor injuries
9. the risks to racehorses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
10. the role of the farrier, vet and racecourse officials and when you may need their assistance
11. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice

Scope/range

Escort the racehorse to one of the following locations:

- winner's enclosure
- unsaddling enclosure
- veterinary box

Provide post-race procedures:

- warming down
- washing off
- application of rugs
- health checks

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