

Develop and implement a horse rehabilitation/retraining plan

Overview

This standard is about developing and implementing a horse rehabilitation or retraining plan.

This standard involves monitoring a horse's behaviour in order to improve the initial rehabilitation plan.

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

You will need to be able to recognise hazards and assess risks in the workplace.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity
2. collate information from the initial assessment of the horse and other recorded information
3. develop and agree with relevant parties a horse rehabilitation or retraining plan to meet agreed objectives, including the areas of accommodation, handling, feeding, health care and exercise
4. implement the horse rehabilitation or retraining plan
5. monitor the physical condition and behaviour of the horse at regular intervals, record the information, evaluate it and take appropriate action
6. administer oral/topical medication to the horse where required according to the rehabilitation or retraining plan
7. review and update the horse rehabilitation or retraining plan at agreed times
8. monitor and maintain 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 selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. the key elements in developing a programme for the rehabilitation or retraining of horses, including setting realistic goals
3. the reasons for recording horse health, behaviour and medication information
4. how to recognise when a horse rehabilitation or retraining plan needs to be modified
5. health care professionals and their role in horse rehabilitation or retraining
6. the implications of long-term healthcare medication
7. the problems with box-resting the horse and how much it can compromise the horse's natural lifestyle
8. the function of the different muscle groups in a horse
9. how to differentiate between muscles, tendons and ligaments on the skeletal frame of a horse
10. the common forms of injury to a horse
11. the importance of remedial shoes and how they would be used in horse rehabilitation or retraining
12. the techniques to relieve boredom and stress when dealing with horses with specific conditions
13. the handling techniques when dealing with horses with specific conditions
14. the horse welfare organisations and their role in the industry
15. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
16. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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Scope/range

Develop and implement a horse rehabilitation or retraining plan for the following types of horse:

- those in good health
- those in poor health

Gather the following information:

- horse health
- horse condition
- reasons for rehabilitation or retraining

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