
Overview

This standard involves clipping horses according to agreed requirements. It also covers the care and maintenance of clipping equipment. You should be able to handle the horse appropriately during the activity and minimise any stress or injury.

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.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity
2. confirm the requirements for clipping the horse with the appropriate person
3. handle and restrain the horse in a manner that does not compromise animal welfare, avoids behaviour giving rise to welfare concern and maintains health and safety
4. prepare the horse, equipment and area for clipping, according to requirements
5. select the necessary type of clip to meet requirements
6. clip the horse's coat according to requirements and the type of clip selected
7. use and maintain clipping equipment in a condition appropriate for future use and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
8. care for horses after clipping, according to the needs of the horse and the yard procedures
9. communicate with others and maintain affective team work
10. monitor and maintain the health and 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 selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. the different types of clip and when they are used, including full and partial types
3. the reasons for clipping horses
4. how to clip awkward areas and leg lines
5. how to introduce horses to clipping
6. the methods of restraint that must be used during clipping
7. how to anticipate and deal with horses that are difficult to clip
8. how to care for and maintain clipping equipment
9. the use of circuit breakers for clipping equipment
10. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
11. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

Scope/range related to performance criteria produce two different types of clip

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