

Contribute to the training of horses from the ground

Overview

This standard is about contributing to the training of horses from the ground. It covers teaching the young horse to accept discipline, the bridle, saddle and rider.

This standard involves leading, long reining or lungeing the horse and backing the horse in enclosed areas and in the open. You should be able to select and fit suitable tack, train the horse and introduce the horse to the rider.

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 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. select and fit suitable tack for training the horse from the ground
3. establish and agree targets and monitor the progress of training
4. contribute to the training of the horse, at the required location, in accordance with the agreed training needs
5. monitor the horse's progress and wellbeing throughout, and report and amend the training programme as appropriate
6. prepare the area for backing the horse
7. select and fit suitable tack for backing the horse
8. introduce the horse to the rider, according to current good practice
9. 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 types of specialist equipment and how to use them
3. the effects of lungeing and long reining on various types of horses
4. how to cover lungeing and long reining in a training programme
5. the procedures associated with training young horses from the ground and horses with specific behavioural issues
6. the methods of introducing the horse to the rider
7. when and how to amend a training programme
8. the types of records required and the importance of maintaining them
9. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
10. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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Scope/range

Locations:

- enclosed area
- in the open

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