

Establish and maintain the care of stallions

Overview

This standard is about establishing and maintaining the care of stallions by exercising, feeding and caring for the stallion on a day-to-day basis. You will establish and maintain an exercise programme, specify and implement dietary requirements, identify health problems and take the appropriate remedial action.

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. carry out routine health care of stallions
3. establish and maintain exercise programmes to maintain health, wellbeing and fitness
4. implement dietary requirements for stallions
5. report any problems encountered in exercising and feeding the stallion to the appropriate person
6. identify any health problems with the stallion and take appropriate action
7. 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 dietary requirements of stallions
3. the exercise requirements of stallions
4. the necessary fitness prior to the covering season
5. how to maintain the physical and psychological wellbeing of the stallion
6. the behavioural problems that may arise and how to deal with them
7. how to identify health problems and the appropriate action to take
8. the problems that may occur during exercise and feeding and the appropriate action to take
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

Promote health through three of the following:

- parasite control
- teeth rasping
- feet trimming
- routine vaccination

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Glossary

Dietary requirements of stallions e.g.

- water
- feed
- supplementary feed
- seasonal variations

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