

Handle and present stallions under supervision

Overview

This standard is about handling and presenting stallions under supervision. It includes teasing, covering and presentation to clients, under supervision.

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. handle stallions for routine hygiene procedures under supervision
3. take the appropriate precautions to prevent sexually transmitted diseases
4. present the teaser to the mare to establish receptivity for covering
5. present the stallion to the mare for covering, as instructed
6. report any problems in handling the stallion or covering to the appropriate person
7. present the stallion to clients for inspection
8. ensure appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security are maintained
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 implications of over-use of stallions
3. the safety precautions when handling stallions
4. stallion psychology and behaviour
5. the different methods of teasing
6. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
7. the equipment to be used on stallions
8. the regulations regarding swabbing
9. venereal diseases and their symptoms
10. the relevant codes of practice for prevention and control of venereal diseases and how to notify the relevant authority
11. the records required for management and legislative purposes
12. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
13. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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Scope/range

Handle a well-behaved teaser and/or stallion for covering or for inspection

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