

Manage foaling and the rearing of equine young stock

Overview

This standard covers managing foaling and the rearing of equine young stock.

It covers planning and implementing routine health care and monitoring the development of the young foal.

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 ensure the safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horses, at all times.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. define and communicate team and individual responsibility and limits of authority
2. ensure appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment is worn for the activity
3. select and implement appropriate hygiene and bio-security measures and ensure they are maintained
4. manage foaling care and care of the newborn foal, in accordance with industry practice
5. recognise any foal and mare problems and take appropriate action
6. obtain and act on feedback on the progress of the mare and foal
7. plan and implement an appropriate diet for rearing young equine stock to optimise their growth and development
8. review the health, growth, development and behaviour of equine young stock
9. encourage individuals to make suggestions on how procedures could be improved
10. ensure appropriate records are maintained and stored as required by relevant legislation and the organisation you work for
11. assess hazards and control risks to horses, yourself and others in connection with this activity

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the clothing and personal protective equipment that should be worn for the activity
2. the importance of implementing appropriate hygiene and bio-security measures and how this can be achieved
3. the use of closed-circuit television and mare alarms
4. the identification and treatment of mare and foal health problems including parasite control
5. the management procedures for deformed foals
6. the fostering procedures and care of the orphan foal
7. the dietary requirements of the mare and foal to optimise their growth and development
8. the development problems in growing young stock and their related treatments
9. the transportation of mares and foals by road, sea and air
10. the registration procedure
11. the weaning procedures and problems
12. different methods of housing young stock.
13. the importance of establishing and maintaining records
14. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
15. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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