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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual handled and provided non-riding exercise, under supervision, to two different well-educated, calm, consistent and obedient horses. Evidence must show that each horse has been exercised on at least two different occasions during which the individual has:

- carried out basic risk assessments when working with horses in exercise working environments, involving identifying hazards and controlling risks within own role and control
- monitored basic horse behaviour before, during and after exercise and reporting signs of illness or injury to supervisor
- followed safe work practices for the operation of exercise equipment
- communicated effectively with supervisor, including raising issues of concern related to operation of exercise equipment and conduct of exercise programs
- selected, fitted and cared for tack and equipment for non-riding exercise tasks
- correctly fitted personal protective equipment (PPE)
- performed pre-exercise routines according to workplace procedures
- carried out post-exercise care of horses, including cooling down via hand walking, hosing, ice application and grooming techniques
- cleaned exercise equipment according to workplace instructions and manufacturer instructions.

The following points can be covered as part of, or in addition to, the above-mentioned occasions:

- loading and unloading at least one horse safely onto mechanical exercise equipment at least twice
- leading at least one horse into and out of water for swimming exercise at least twice.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- workplace procedures for providing non-riding exercise to horses, including pre-exercise, during exercise and post-exercise procedures
- workplace communication procedures related to conducting non-riding horse exercise programs
- common horse behaviour and social traits related to exercise routines and fitness
- general signs of horse injury and fatigue related to exercise programs, and what needs to be reported to a supervisor
- signs and symptoms of illness and injury related to exercise routines
- safe horse handling techniques and zones in and around exercise equipment
- types and purpose of working gear required for mechanical exercise equipment and for swimming horses
- requirements for checking and maintaining working gear and exercise equipment
- purpose of PPE, and how to correctly fit PPE, for non-riding exercise programs
- types of exercise routines, and timeframes for horses at various stages of fitness, on mechanical exercise equipment and during swimming
- likely injuries that may be sustained by horses and handlers during exercise routines.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - mechanical exercise equipment and swimming area for exercise program
 - supervisor
 - various well-educated, calm, consistent and obedient horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - appropriate tack for individual, horse and non-riding exercise activities
 - PPE for the individual that is applicable to activities and correctly fitted.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>

