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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

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 has managed a health and welfare program for at least three standardbred or thoroughbred horses, including:

- developed and planned horse health and emergency care procedures
- implemented health management programs for dental, vaccination, parasite control and hoof maintenance for each horse
- responded to illnesses or injuries, deciding on appropriate treatment for each horse
- administered treatments and medication according to directions
- monitored each horse's progress, recorded health data and reported irregularities.

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:

- principles and practices of horse health and welfare programs:
 - workplace procedures and industry requirements
 - emergency protocols and quarantine measures
 - horse health assessment procedures and recording systems
- key features of horse health and welfare programs for:
 - dental health
 - hoof maintenance
 - parasite treatments
 - vaccinations
- features of appropriate horse housing
- characteristics, signs and symptoms of:
 - communicable diseases and treatment options
 - common behaviour and social traits of healthy horses

- common illnesses and injuries
- types of treatments and medication:
 - prohibited substances
 - basics of horse first aid
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to managing horse health and welfare:
 - communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
 - animal welfare requirements
 - safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
 - relevant rules of racing related to housing and care of horses.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - safe handling areas, such as racing stables and racetracks
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various standardbred or thoroughbred racehorses assessed as suitable for the skills and experience of the individual
 - materials and equipment relevant to providing care and treatment for horses in assessment activity
 - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - access to trainer and/or veterinary practitioner for instructions.

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=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>