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ACMHBR313 Care for pregnant mares

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to monitor the health of and care for pregnant mares, including managing abortions.

The unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They complete routine activities and work in a range of known contexts within horse breeding environments.

No occupational licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Work health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses applies to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority for specific requirements.

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Horse Breeding (HBR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Monitor and care for pregnant mares	1.1 Identify hazards and control risks in pregnant mare environment 1.2 Observe and note indicators of mare health, and report daily monitoring 1.3 Modify the nutritional requirements of mares during each trimester of pregnancy 1.4 Provide supplementary feeding and describe the conditions under which it might be required 1.5 Provide a safe and secure environment for pregnant mares 1.6 Vaccinate and worm mares using safe horse handling techniques
2. Assist with cases of abortion	2.1 Assist with preventative measures to lower the risk of abortion, including Caslick procedures, quarantine and housing 2.2 Follow stud procedures for cases of abortion and post-abortion care

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Writing	Enter accurate data and observations for individual pregnant mares in workplace records
Numeracy	Use basic arithmetic to calculate gestation times and expected birthing dates
Navigate the world of work	Comply with workplace procedures, including work health and safety, safe horse handling practices, and animal welfare requirements, in own role and work area
Get the work done	Plan and sequence multiple tasks, monitoring activity and prioritising tasks to achieve outcomes

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMHBR313 Care for pregnant mares	Not applicable	New unit	No equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for ACMHBR313 Care for pregnant mares

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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 cared for at least three pregnant mares during all trimesters, including:

- monitoring and providing daily updates of mare health and wellbeing
- detecting signs of general health, injury and disease in the mare
- using safe horse handling techniques with mares
- feeding and providing nutritional supplements appropriate for stage of pregnancy
- providing a secure environment for pregnant mares
- vaccinating and worming mares
- implementing procedures to prevent and/or manage abortions
- observing mares for the signs of parturition
- assisting with abortions
- maintaining records.

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 for caring for pregnant mares, including:
 - signs of good health in pregnant mares, and common contraindications
 - feed, shelter and environment requirements for pregnant mares in each trimester
 - signs of foaling, the foaling process and contraindications
 - signs and causes of abortions and preventative and management treatments
 - reason for using Caslick procedure and steps to undertake the procedure
 - processes post-abortion, including isolation procedures and veterinary assistance
- workplace recording and reporting requirements.

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:
 - various pregnant mares assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - suitable simulations for assisting with cases of abortion
 - appropriate tack and equipment, and feed and supplements, to care for pregnant mares
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual.

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.

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