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ACMHBR403 Handle and care for stallions

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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 handle and care for stallions, particularly throughout the mating process.

The unit applies to individuals who use specialised horse breeding knowledge and skills and have experience working with stallions. They have responsibility for a work activity, area or team, and provide and communicate solutions for a range of predictable and sometimes unpredictable problems in the horse breeding sector.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit. Users are advised to check with the relevant Principal Racing Authority for current licence or registration requirements.

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

Prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely.

Note the following chain of prerequisites that also applies to this unit.

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely	ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour

Unit Sector

Horse Breeding (HBR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare to handle stallions	1.1 Identify work hazards, assess risks and implement suitable controls for activities involving stallions 1.2 Confirm the work program with management 1.3 Communicate with other workers to ensure smooth operation of the mating process 1.4 Ensure workers involved with activities have the skills needed to safely handle stallions 1.5 Select, check and maintain tools and equipment 1.6 Select, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE)
2. Care for stallions	2.1 Observe body language and behaviour of stallions before handling, and assess safety risks 2.2 Catch, groom and exercise stallions using safe horse handling techniques to maintain fitness and monitor for condition and general health 2.3 Conduct checks and observe, identify and record changes in stallion behaviour and health 2.4 Comply with prescribed nutritional programs and complete records 2.5 Monitor work hazards, assess risks and implement suitable controls on an ongoing basis 2.6 Maintain prescribed horse health routines throughout and between breeding seasons
3. Serve mares or dummy	3.1 Select and fit appropriate halter, bit and/or chain to control stallion 3.2 Approach mare to pre-tease 3.3 Allow stallion to mount mare or dummy safely 3.4 Ensure stallion ejaculates and dismounts mare safely

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	3.5 Collect semen for sampling or mating according to workplace procedures, and minimising stress to stallion 3.6 Wash stallion down according to workplace hygiene practices
4. Complete hygiene and administration activities	4.1 Clean equipment, collection and mating areas, and store equipment according to workplace procedures 4.2 Dispose of all containers, leftover fluids, waste and debris following environmental and biosecurity procedures 4.3 Complete all records and documentation

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
Reading	Interpret information in written work program and instructions
Writing	Record information relating to mating stallions accurately and legibly
Numeracy	Estimate, calculate and record routine measures relating to caring for and mating stallions
Navigate the world of work	Take responsibility for following regulatory and workplace procedures, including safe work, safe horse handling practices, animal welfare and biosecurity requirements, in own role and work area
Interact with others	Work cooperatively with a range of personnel in different roles using clear communication techniques to carry out mating activities
Get the work done	- Plan and sequence multiple tasks; monitoring activity and prioritising tasks to achieve outcomes - Make decisions about routine mating activities, taking responsibility for actions taken

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMHBR403 Handle and care for stallions	AHCHBR305A Handle and care for stallions	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Code changed to reflect appropriate industry sector usage and AQF policy requirements Edits to clarify intent of unit and address safety Addition of prerequisite requirements to address safety aspects	No equivalent unit

Links

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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 handled, cared for and assisted at least one stallion throughout the mating process, including:

- using safe handling techniques and safe work practices to ensure safety of handlers, mares and foals
- catching, grooming, feeding and exercising stallion
- preparing teasing mare and teasing area
- handling stallion safely to ensure satisfactory mating or semen collection
- providing support to veterinarian for a range of procedures
- observing and detecting signs of disease, ill health or injury in stallion
- reporting and recording information about stallion according to workplace practices.

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 handling and caring for stallions, including:
 - stallion behaviour, body language and potential safety risks
 - common equine injury and disease that affects breeding stallions
 - procedures for monitoring stallion health
 - indicators of stallion health and welfare
 - accurate identification and recording in the mating process
 - strategies for managing efficient and well-managed stud activities to maximise conception rates and live foal outcomes
- work health and safety requirements and safe work practices:
 - safe horse handling techniques
 - hazard identification, risk assessment and controls

- handling frozen semen and working with liquid nitrogen
- types and correct fit of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- duty of care for workers
- key requirements of environmental and biosecurity procedures for disposing of wastes
- workplace recording and reporting procedures.

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:
 - at least one live stallion – note that stallions can be less compliant and highly reactive, and should be assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - various mares for mating, or dummies
 - equipment and restraints required for mating activities
 - appropriate tack for horse and activity
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual
- specifications:
 - workplace recording and reporting forms or systems
 - work instructions or program for carrying out mating procedures.

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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