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RGRPSH101 Catch and handle quiet horses under supervision

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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to identify horses and horse behaviour; safely catch, lead and tie up a well-educated, quiet, calm, consistent and obedient horse; fit common items of gear and rugs; and clean and store gear all whilst under the supervision of an experienced person competent in horse handling skills.

The unit applies to individuals who are new or inexperienced workers in various horse industries who are required to identify, catch and handle horses safely while working under direct supervision in working environments including stables, yards and paddocks.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with applicable state/territory animal welfare and workplace health and safety legislative requirements.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Performance services horse (PSH)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Use general horse industry terminology	1.1 Identify points of the horse, external body parts and features by name and location 1.2 Describe horses using common horse industry terminology

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2. Safely catch and handle horses	2.1 Assess hazards and potential risks to self, others and the horse, and take steps to minimise 2.2 Identify and prepare catching and handling gear for use 2.3 Interpret horse behaviour signals prior to approaching horses 2.4 Approach horses safely and catch 2.5 Lead and control horses within stables, yards and paddocks 2.6 Tie up or release horses using safe handling techniques and according to animal welfare principles
3. Fit and remove rugs to and from horses	3.1 Identify correct rugs for individual horses 3.2 Complete procedures for fitting and removing rugs according to instructions from supervisor
4. Fit and maintain specified gear	4.1 Identify stable or paddock gear for individual horses accurately 4.2 Complete procedures for fitting and removing stable or paddock gear according to instructions from supervisor 4.3 Clean and store exercise, stable and paddock gear according to workplace procedures 4.4 Report signs of wear and damage of gear to stable supervisor

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
Oral communication	- Use active listening and questioning to clarify and confirm supervisor instructions - Use common industry terminology accurately in horse catching and handling tasks
Navigate the world of work	- Follow workplace procedures, including safety and animal welfare requirements, relating to own role and work area - Demonstrate a duty of care to self and others when working with

Skill	Description
	horses
Interact with others	Support others in identifying, catching and handling horses according to instructions
Get the work done	Plan and sequence tasks and assemble resources required to catch and handle quiet horses

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH101 Catch and handle quiet horses under supervision	RGRPSH101A Catch and handle quiet horses under supervision	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages.	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>

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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 caught and handled at least two different well-educated horses with compliant and calm temperaments, under supervision, including:

- followed instructions, safe work practices and animal welfare requirements, and reported problems promptly
- caught, handled and cared for horses according to supervisor's instructions
- fitted rugs to horses and removed rugs from horses
- identified, selected and correctly fitted a range of gear
- tied up and released horse safely.

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:

- horses:
 - common breeds of horses
 - points of the horse
 - basic colours and markings of horses
 - common social behaviour and body language of horses
- gear and equipment:
 - horse catching and handling gear
 - common stable and paddock gear
 - horse rugs
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) for handler
- basic industry terminology related to handling and caring for horses
- communication procedures to seek information, advice or assistance
- safe work principles and practices:

- common hazards and risks in interacting with horses
- common safe horse handling techniques
- approaching and catching
- leading and controlling
- tying up
- racing industry animal welfare principles and requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - safe handling area in a workplace or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various well-educated horses with compliant and calm temperaments assessed as suitable for the skills and experience of the individual
 - equipment and gear for catching and handling horses
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual
- specifications:
 - work instructions and workplace procedures for catching and handling quiet horses.

Assessors of this unit must:

- carry out a risk assessment of the individual's characteristics, experience and level of horse handling skills to ensure that handler and horse combination is safe.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence 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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