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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 cared for and treated at least three racehorses, including for each:

- assessed and provided care and treatment to injured or ill horse, including:
 - prescribed medication
 - different therapies and associated technology or medications
- used safe handling and work practices when caring for and treating the horse
- monitored illness and injury management plans
- reported horse progress regularly to supervisor and/or veterinary practitioner.

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 care and treatment
- common horse behaviour, social traits and vices, and how they accentuate or cause problems to horses when ill, injured or recovering
- key features of horse anatomy and musculoskeletal system
- key features and functions of horse body systems:
 - respiratory system
 - circulatory system
 - digestive system
 - reproductive system
- signs and symptoms of common illnesses and injuries of horse
- handling and restraining techniques for horses requiring diagnosis or treatment
- types of medications and therapies, including:
 - impact of medications or therapies and withdrawal times
 - prohibited substances

- storage, transport and disposal of veterinary chemicals and medications
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to providing care and treatment for horses:
 - communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
 - racing industry animal welfare requirements
 - racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
 - relevant rules of racing, including reporting requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - safe handling areas in racing stable and track environments
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various standardbred or thoroughbred racehorses requiring care and treatment
 - materials and equipment relevant to providing care and treatment for horses in assessment activity, including realistic case studies or scenarios if range of illnesses or injuries needs to be supplemented
 - access to supervisor, trainer and/or veterinary practitioner for instructions.

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>