

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe the nature of horses</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the natural herd instincts of horses in relation to their behaviour and needs; the senses, communication and body language of horses in relation to horse behaviour and handling; and the horse's behavioural characteristics in relation to handling horses.
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<b>Classification</b>	Equine > Equine Training
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

None.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Describe the natural herd instincts of horses in relation to their behaviour and needs.

#### Performance criteria

1.1 Describe natural herd instincts of horses in relation to their behaviour and needs.

Range social structure, social interaction, reproductive behaviour, developmental stages.

#### Outcome 2

Describe the senses, communication and body language of horses in relation to horse behaviour and handling.

#### Performance criteria

2.1 Describe senses of horses in relation to horse behaviour and handling.

Range vision, hearing, taste, touch, smell.

2.2 Describe forms of communication used by horses in relation to horse behaviour and handling.

Range visual, auditory, tactile, olfactory.

2.3 Describe body language of horses in relation to horse behaviour and handling.

Range stance and positioning, facial and body gestures, fluency of movement.

### Outcome 3

Describe horse behavioural characteristics in relation to handling horses.

#### Performance criteria

3.1 Describe behavioural characteristics of horses in relation to handling horses.

Range human-horse relationship, pressure, flight zones.

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#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
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Revision	2	18 March 2011	31 December 2022
Review	3	25 June 2020	N/A

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0018
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#### Comments on this unit standard

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