

Title	Deal with an emergency situation, assist veterinarian, and provide ongoing care for a horse		
Level	4	Credits	8

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the handling of horses in an equine emergency; act in the event of an emergency and provide assistance while veterinary treatment is being carried out; care for a convalescing horse as instructed by the veterinarian and describe the prescribed veterinary treatment, and management of proud flesh.
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Classification	Equine > Equine Health
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definition

Workplace procedures are the documented policies and practices for safety and procedures within a particular workplace, and are consistent with the Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys (2018) available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/11003-horses-and-donkeys-code-of-welfare>.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
 - evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from the workplace.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the handling of horses in an equine emergency.

Range equine injury, equine illness.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe individual items in a first aid kit in terms of their uses and method of application.
- Range may include but is not limited to – bandages, gauze, scissors, antiseptics, antiseptic cream, antibiotic cream, wound dressing, hot and cold packs, skin treatments, thermometer, Epsom salts, liniment, nose twitch, halter; evidence of 12 is required.
- 1.2 Describe the course of action to take in an emergency situation which is in the best interests of the horse and meets Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys (2018) requirements.
- Range emergency situations include but are not limited to – open wound, closed wound, fracture, horse caught in wire, cast horse, colic, dystocia.
- 1.3 Describe why veterinary assistance should be called in an emergency situation in terms of legal and ethical requirements.
- Range includes but is not limited to – training, expertise, administration of restricted drugs, legal obligations, ongoing advice.

Outcome 2

Act in the event of an emergency and provide assistance while veterinary treatment is being carried out.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Act in an emergency situation which is in the best interests of the horse and in accordance with Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys (2018) requirements and workplace procedures.
- 2.2 Hold the horse for the veterinarian and apply restraints in a manner that is safe for the veterinarian, the handler and the horse in accordance with workplace procedures.
- Range may include but is not limited to – halter and rope, skin twitch, nose twitch, leg held up; evidence of two is required.

Outcome 3

Care for a convalescing horse as instructed by the veterinarian and describe the prescribed veterinary treatment, and management of proud flesh.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe the prescribed veterinarian treatment in terms of its rationale.

- 3.2 Administer treatments according to veterinary instruction as part of the on-going convalescence in accordance with workplace procedures.
- Range may include but is not limited to – powders, paste, injections, dressings, inflammatory controls, bandaging; evidence of five is required.
- 3.3 Provide the horse with therapeutic exercise as instructed by the veterinarian.
- 3.4 Provide the horse with feed that aids health and digestion in the process of recovery in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 3.5 Describe how proud flesh forms, the reasons for it forming during healing, and methods for prevention and/or removal.

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Registration	1	28 October 1994	31 December 2022
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0018
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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