

Title	Identify basic components, and describe functions and common problems of horses' body systems		
Level	2	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify points of the horse; identify basic components and describe functions of horses' body systems; and describe common problems that can occur in or on horses' bodies or body systems.
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Classification	Equine > Equine Health
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

None.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify points of the horse.

Performance criteria

1.1 Identify points of the horse by name and location.

Range evidence of at least 20 points is required.

Outcome 2

Identify basic components and describe functions of horses' body systems.

Performance criteria

2.1 Identify basic components of horses' body systems and their individual components.

Range circulatory, respiratory, digestive, immune, skeletal, skin.

2.2 Describe the primary function of each body system.

Range action of the heart, lungs, stomach and intestines, skin, structural movement, resistance to disease and infection.

Outcome 3

Describe common problems that can occur in or on horses' bodies or body systems.

Performance criteria

3.1 Describe problems that can occur in a horse's digestive system by symptoms.

Range colic, worms, diarrhoea, ulcers.

3.2 Describe problems that can occur in a horse's respiratory system by symptoms.

Range viruses, pneumonia, roaring, exercise induced pulmonary haemorrhage (EIPH).

3.3 Describe problems that can occur in a horse's circulatory system by symptoms.

Range anaemia, dehydration.

3.4 Describe skin problems for horses by symptoms.

Range cracked heels, mud fever, ringworm, rain scald, hives.

3.5 Describe horse skeletal problems by symptoms.

Range shin sore, fractures, splints/bowed strained tendons, suspensory ligament, windgalls.

3.6 Describe horse immunity problems by symptoms.

Range tetanus, strangles, salmonella.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Comments on this unit standard

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