Title

Manage the routine care and health of a group of mixed age therapeutic riding horses used for RDA purposes

Level

4

Credits

10

Purpose

This unit standard is for people working in a self-managed capacity and who may have some responsibility for the performance of others, in a Riding for the Disabled (RDA) context.

People credited with this unit standard are able to implement routine health and preventative health procedures for a group of mixed age therapeutic riding horses; respond to emergencies involving therapeutic riding horses; and develop and implement a pasture management programme for a group of mixed aged RDA horses.

Classification

Equine > Riding for the Disabled

Available grade

Achieved

Explanatory notes

1 Evidence requirements must be consistent with:
   - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
   - Health and Disability Commissioner Act 1994
   - Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights
   - Privacy Act 1993
   - Vulnerable Children Act 2014
   - Animal Welfare Act 1999
   - Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Horses
   - All subsequent amendments to legislation listed above.

2 The parent body of riding for the disabled is referred to as New Zealand Riding for the Disabled (NZRDA). All riding for disabled affiliated groups are referred to as Riding for the Disabled (RDA).


4 In the context of this unit standard, understanding means that there should be evidence of a learner’s thorough comprehension of a topic. A learner with a good understanding of a topic should have applied, or should be able to apply what they have learnt to a RDA situation and will be able to alter their practices to the different contexts they are applying their learning to. Assessors should be confident that the learner’s understanding is embedded in their practices and behaviour.
5 Management of routine care and health is for horses in both paddocked and confined situations.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Implement routine health and preventative health procedures for a group of mixed age therapeutic riding horses used for RDA purposes according to NZRDA standards.

Evidence requirements

1.1 Identify the visual signs of health, and ill health of a group of mixed aged RDA horses in paddocked and confined situation.

1.2 Carry out routine clinical (physical) examinations on individual horses of mixed ages.
   Range assessment of - body condition, vital signs.

1.3 Develop and implement a routine health and preventative health programme.
   Range includes but is not limited to - teeth, feet, nutrition, supplementary feeding, parasite control, vaccinations.

Outcome 2

Respond to emergencies involving therapeutic riding horses used for RDA purposes according to NZRDA standards.

Evidence requirements

2.1 Describe actions to take in the event of an emergency situation in a RDA context according to NZRDA standards.

2.2 Provide ongoing care and treatments for unhealthy or injured RDA horses as instructed by the veterinarian.
   Range may include – oral administration of medication, intramuscular injection, dressings, bandages, poulticing, therapeutic exercise; evidence is required for at least two.

2.3 Monitor the horse’s response to the prescribed treatment and notify the veterinarian if further intervention is required.

Outcome 3

Develop and implement a pasture management programme for a group of mixed aged RDA horses according to NZRDA standards.

Range includes but is not limited to - fertiliser application, stock rotation, weed control.
Evidence requirements

3.1 Develop a pasture management programme.

3.2 Implement a pasture management programme

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Requirements for consent to assess and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMRs). The CMR also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

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