

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	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 used for Riding for the Disabled (RDA) purposes; respond to emergencies involving therapeutic riding horses used for RDA purposes; and develop and implement a pasture management programme for a group of mixed aged RDA horses.
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Classification	Equine > Riding for the Disabled
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and codes relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Disability Commissioner Act 1994;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Privacy Act 2020;
 - Vulnerable Children's Act 2017;
 - Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights) Regulations 1996;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018;
 - and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 Definitions

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

NZRDA standards refer to policies and procedures set by the NZRDA which are available on the Group Resource Library, NZRDA The Stable <https://thestable.rda.org.nz/s/>. NZRDA standards reflect current legislation.

- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
 - evidence must be presented in accordance with NZRDA standards.
 - management of routine care and health is for horses in both paddocked and confined situations.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

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

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify the visual signs of health, and ill health of a group of mixed aged RDA horses.
- 1.2 Carry out routine clinical (physical) examinations on individual horses of mixed ages.
- Range assessment of – body condition, vital signs, soundness.
- 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.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe actions to take in the event of an emergency situation in a RDA context.
- 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, soundness examinations; evidence of at least two is required.
- 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.

Range includes but is not limited to – fertiliser application, stock rotation, weed control.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Develop a pasture management programme.
- 3.2 Implement a pasture management programme.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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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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