

# Horse Health Checklist Guidance

Horse Health	Notes for guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can describe six health conditions that can affect horses</li> <li>• I can describe how to stop bleeding</li> <li>• I can list three situations where the vet should be called urgently</li> <li>• I can describe why vaccination is important</li>   <li>• I can describe worm control methods</li>   <li>• I can demonstrate how to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Apply stable bandages</li> <li>b) Apply a bandage over a wound</li> <li>c) Apply a figure of eight bandage on a hock or knee</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ <i>Participant can give a brief description of 6 health conditions covered in the booklet or that they are familiar with.</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Apply pressure with a clean pad</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Participant can list any 3 situations either listed in the book, covered in the course or from their own experience</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Answer covering one or more of the following: reduce the risk of disease spreading amongst equine population. Reduce or prevent the effects of an illness. Effective and cost efficient way of protecting horse from common preventable diseases. Or any other acceptable answer.</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Answer could include: Egg counts, paddock care – removal of droppings, rotational grazing, cross grazing, or any other suitable method</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Demonstrate: safe positioning to apply bandage, horse suitable restrained, awareness of potential problems (such as bandage tension, covering bony protrusions, pressure points). An acceptable bandaging technique followed.</i>  <i>*Demonstration is preferable, but procedures can be discussion/explained of no suitable horses/equipment available</i></li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I can list five items in a first aid kit and describe their use</li><li>• I can explain why new horses to a yard should be quarantined</li> <li>• I can explain why you would use a poultice</li> <li>• I can describe how to prepare a wet poultice and how to apply it</li> <li>• I can give reason for and demonstrate how to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Tub</li><li>b) Cold hose</li></ul></li> <li>• I can give reasons why a horse might be on box rest</li> <li>• I can describe how to care for a horse on box rest</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▫ <i>Any five items found in an equine first aid kit</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Answer to include one or more reason covering: to monitor health, allow gradual introduction to main herd, reduce risk of spreading disease around yard. Or any other acceptable explanation</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Poultice: draw out infection or pus, treat an abscess, treat a puncture wound or any other acceptable answer</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Method to cover one in booklet or other acceptable method. Cooled boiled water, pad kept clean, drain excess water,</i></li> <li>▫ <i>A) Tub: suitable method demonstrated. Horse restrained safely, suitable bucket/tub used, awareness of safety shown. (Epsom salts do not have to be added for demonstration).</i> <i>B) Cold hose: Suitable method demonstrated. Horse restrained safely, suitable pressure used, awareness of safety shown.</i> <i>*Demonstration is preferable, but procedures can be discussion/explained of no suitable horses/equipment available</i></li> <li>▫ <i>Box rest: illness, injury, restrict movement, monitor health, prevent illness/disease from spreading. Or any other acceptable answer covered in session</i></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ <i>Care to include: Dust free environment as much as possible, stable skipped out regularly, water cleaned/changed regularly, access to forage, feet picked out, grooming (if appropriate), stretches (if appropriate), stable bandages (if appropriate), Any other acceptable answer.</i></li></ul>
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