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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 3.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- monitored two broodmares, including one maiden, for signs of oestrus
- monitored and cared for at least three pregnant mares during all trimesters
- maintained records for each mare according to workplace requirements
- responded to and/or assisted with cases of abortion.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- basics of mare reproductive physiology, including:
 - signs of oestrus and dioestrus
 - practices to manipulate oestrus cycle
 - fertility – maiden mares and barren mares
 - signs of receptivity to mating
- principles and practices for caring for pregnant mares, including:
 - signs of good health in pregnant mares, and common contraindications
 - feed, shelter and environment requirements for pregnant mares in each trimester
 - signs of foaling, the foaling process and contraindications
 - signs and causes of abortions and preventative and management treatments
 - reason for using Caslick procedure and steps to undertake the procedure
 - processes post-abortion, including isolation procedures and veterinary assistance
- workplace procedures relating to caring for pregnant mares, including:
 - recording and reporting requirements
 - site hygiene, infection control and biosecurity
 - safety and safe horse handling.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various mares assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - suitable simulations for assisting with cases of abortion
 - appropriate tack and equipment, and feed and supplements, to care for pregnant mares
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>