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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

## Performance Evidence

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

There must be evidence that the individual has provided first aid and emergency care for at least two horses or other equines (or completed appropriate simulations), including for each:

- recognised illness or injury and carried out a safety check of the factors relating to situation, incident site and/or treatment environment
- provided appropriate first aid and treatments to horse or other equine, including:
  - responding to hoof and leg illness or injury
  - calming and/or restraining horse or other equine safely and ethically
- reported irregularities to stable nominated person in a timely manner.

## 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:

- principles, practices and industry terminology related to emergency care and first aid for horses or other equines
- safe handling techniques, including:
  - risks associated with catching, handling and restraining equines
  - methods of restraining horses or other equines
  - common equine behaviour, including when injured, stressed or ill
- signs and types of treatment for common illnesses and injuries in equines, including:
  - lameness
  - shock
- relevant industry rules for providing first aid and emergency care for horses, including:
  - rules for prohibited substances and alternative treatments
  - zoonosis, disease and biosecurity control

- reporting requirements, including for infectious reportable illnesses – Strangles, tetanus, EI, Hendra
- industry standards and expectations relevant to providing first aid and emergency care for horses:
  - effective working relationships, including teamwork
  - industry animal welfare requirements
  - industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - a workplace or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - various horses or other equines requiring first aid or emergency care assessed as suitable for the skills and experience of the individual; or appropriate simulations if safety or access to injured equines is restricted
  - materials and equipment relevant to providing first aid and emergency care
  - access to trainer and/or veterinarian for instructions.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence 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>