

Horse Knowledge Part Two Checklist Guidance

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is it important to recognise horse facial expressions and body language? • How might a horse that is protective of his stable react when you approach? • What might a sensitive horse do when you groom him? • What behaviour would tell you your horse is relaxed • What behaviour might a horse that is excited display? • What is a microchip? • What details can be obtained from a microchip • Does every horse require a passport? • List two things that are recorded in a passport • List three markings the vet would record on the passport diagram of the horse • What is a freeze mark? • Why might an owner have their horse freeze marked? • List four signs of good and ill health • What two illnesses can be vaccinated against in the UK? 	<p><i>Suggested answers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>To recognise how the horse is feeling and may react to you or the situation</i> ▫ <i>He might put his ears back, pull a face, wrinkle his nostrils, stretch head and neck out towards you or any other description discussed within the sessions</i> ▫ <i>He might swish his tail, put his ears back, stamp a foot, kick out, move away</i> ▫ <i>Such as: Head down, droopy lip, ears relaxed, resting hind leg</i> ▫ <i>Such as: Head and neck raised, ears pricked, tail carried</i> <p><i>Suggested answers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>A small chip the size of a grain of rice</i> ▫ <i>The horse's unique number, details of horse and owner</i> ▫ <i>Yes</i> ▫ <i>Such as: name, owner details, breeding details, vaccinations, silhouette, markings, unique life number, declaration for food chain, or any other information</i> ▫ <i>Colour, markings, scars, brand/freeze mark, whorls</i> ▫ <i>A unique combination of symbols, letters or numbers applied to a horse's back/shoulder or neck by a cold iron</i> ▫ <i>As a visual deterrent to theft</i> <p><i>Suggested answers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>Any four for each from session discussions</i> ▫ <i>Equine flu and Tetanus</i> ▫ <i>Flu – every 6 months, Tetanus – every 2 years</i>

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- How often are booster vaccinations required for each of these illnesses?
- Why is it not a good idea to share brushes between horses on a yard?
- List two things you can do to prevent the spread of disease between horses on the yard

- List the parts of the digestive system
- Why should you ask permission before feeding a horse?
- Name three treats suitable to feed horses
- Why should grass cuttings not be fed to horses?
- List three rules of feeding and give a reason for each
- Why is chaff or alfalfa added to a bucket feed?
- What is the main difference between mix and cubes?
- What must you do to sugar beet before feeding it?

- List three field checks that you would carry out daily
- List two types of fencing suitable for horses
- Why is barbed wire not suitable fencing for horses?
- Name and describe two plants or trees that are poisonous to horses

- List three parts of the bridle
- List three parts of the saddle

- *Disease can be passed between horses*
- *Any 2 suggestions from discussions in session or the disease prevention poster*

Suggested answers:

- *Mouth, throat/oesophagus, stomach, intestines, rectum, anus*
- *In case the horse has special dietary requirements, bites, isn't allowed treats, or any other sensible answer*
- *Any 3 treats from discussion in session or listed in booklet*
- *It begins to ferment creating gas in the stomach which can cause colic*
- *Any 3 from the rules given in the booklet and suitable reasons*
- *To encourage the horse to chew, add fibre*
- *Can't see the content of a cube, mix tends to be molassed cubes aren't or any other acceptable answer*
- *Soak it for the recommended time (usually given on the bag)*

Suggested answers:

- *Any 3 acceptable from the list in the booklet or discussed in session*
- *Any 2 acceptable from the booklet or covered in the session*
- *It can cut them if they lean on it, rip rugs, or any other acceptable answer*
- *Any 2 from the list in the booklet or covered in the session.*

- *Any 3 parts of the bridle covered in the session*
- *Any 3 parts of the saddle covered in the session*

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