

VIRTUAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

TOPIC	Evidence	At Required Standards	Below Required Standards
Grooming	Taking a horse out off a: Stall	□Correct method of approach (how to which part of the horse) □Correct method of turning a horse □Quiet, effective, timely, especially if horse has rear end facing door.	□Approaching via blind spots □Leading from wrong side. □Loud, brash approach. □Startling the horse.
	Use of halter and lead shank.	□Correct placement of halter on the horse. □Minimal interference with horse's "space" but still effective.	□Halter on too loose, too tight, or incorrectly placed. □Awkward or too time consuming a method used. □Lead shank held at clip. □Lead line wrapped around hands.
	Use of cross ties	□Correct attachment to	□InCorrect attachment to
h	Moving around the horse while grooming.	halter. Correct method of moving around horse while on cross ties/straight tie, using voice, touch and slow, deliberate movements. Horse shows no signs if discomfort.	halter Ducking under horse's neck Moving around rear end at maximum reach of horse's hind feet. Leaving horse unattended while tied.
	Keeping work area tidy.	□All brushes & tools kept close by, but away from the horses reach & in position where they cannot be stepped on. □Swept up.	□Tools not clean. □Tools not put away after use. □Not swept up.
	Ability to tie quick release knot.	☐Use of knot that comes undone when loose end is pulled.	□Not familiar with quick release knot.
	Demonstrate /explain proper use of basic grooming equipment.	Correct area of application & technique for use of rubber curry comb, dandy brush, body brush.	☐ Use of brushes on wrong part of horse. ☐Incorrect technique.
	Picking out horse hooves.	□Demonstration of safe method of picking up horse's hooves. □Correct technique for picking out, □Explanation of why we pick out the feet.	□Incorrect handling of horse's feet&/or picking out (e.g. picking towards heel). □Incorrect handling of horse's leg causing him to be off balance resulting in him snatching the leg away.