



AGR 2070 Equine 1

Practical Skills Assessment

Section 1: *(to be filled out by Student)*

Student Name: _____

Evaluator Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher's Email Address: _____





Section 2: (to be filled out by Evaluator)

1. Safe Approach and Handling:

Have student safely approach and halter the horse:

Check for:

- Handler approaches the horse carefully at the shoulder (not the rear) on the left side
- Handler safely places halter on the horse. Handler uses a quick release knot when tying the horse
- Handler leads the horse (on the left-hand side of the horse) near the shoulder in a calm manner (here's a video example of what this might look like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smdt7Ft04lo>)
- Handler wears protective gear (helmet and appropriate footwear)

Ask:

- Why should you approach a horse calmly and at the shoulder?
 - Why should you never approach a horse from behind or directly in front of the horse?
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2. Demonstrate a Feeding Routing:

Have student demonstrate appropriate feeding practices:

Check for:

- Forage provided to horses as appropriate
- Forage is free from mold and has minimal or no dust

Ask:

- Do horses need access to clean, palatable water at all times?
 - Is it appropriate for horses to only have snow as a water source?
 - How often should horses be provided forage?
 - When might it be helpful to give a horse supplements?
 - How often should horses have access to salt?
 - Use of feeding chart (completed in Activity 5.2)
 - Why is it important to know how to body condition score your horse?
 - How did your feeding chart (completed in Activity 5.2), help with your feeding practice?
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3. Demonstrate Leading and Tying

Have student demonstrate their skills in leading a horse:

Check for:



- Both hands are holding the lead rope and the rope is not wrapped around the handler's hands, wrists, or body
- Walking beside the horse (not in front of the horse) and looking straight ahead when leading
- Leading from the left side
- Handler is wearing protective gear (helmet and appropriate footwear)

Ask:

- Why should the lead never be wrapped around your hands, wrist, or body?
- Why should you lead from the left side?

Have students demonstrate techniques that should be used to tie a horse safely:

Check for:

- Lead rope height is appropriate (level with the horse's head or withers)
- Horse is tied to an appropriate length (two or three feet is appropriate for most horses)
- Structure used to tie horse is appropriate
- Horse is tied using a quick-release knot

Ask:

- What kind of structures are appropriate to tie a horse?

4. Grooming

Have student demonstrate appropriate techniques used to groom a horse and clean a horse's hooves.

Check for:

- Handler wearing protective gear (helmet and appropriate footwear)
- Correct and appropriate use of grooming tools
- Address how to use at least one of the following grooming tools:
 - Metal or rubber curry comb
 - Dandy brush
 - Body brush (fine soft bristle)
 - Grooming cloth
 - Mane and tail comb
 - Hoof pick and brush

Ask:

- Why should you clean a horse's hooves? How often should they be cleaned?
- Why is it important to remove debris, such as mud or dirt, before you put a saddle or other equipment on a horse?



5. Bandaging a Leg Wound

Have student demonstrate appropriate techniques for bandaging a horse's leg wound. (This step can be demonstrated by a verbal explanation).

Check for:

- Appropriate assessment of injury (verbal explanation)
 - Note: Bandaging may not be appropriate for some wounds (e.g. protruding object, skin that must be debrided by a vet prior to wrapping, etc.). A vet should always be consulted if you're not sure if you should wrap the leg. Any bleeding should always be stopped prior to cleaning the wound.
- Appropriate cleaning of wound (verbal explanation)
- Appropriate application of a sterile dressing and the dressing is large enough to cover the entire wound.
- Appropriate wrapping technique. The following video by Equine Guelph for a step-by-step demonstration of how to wrap a horse's leg:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dB7Z4T1iN8A>
- Bandages are wrapped using even tension and are secure
- Handler wearing protective equipment (helmet and appropriate footwear)
- Handler bends down or crouches while wrapping, but does not kneel down. Standing or crouching allows the handler to move quickly if the horse moves unexpectedly.

Ask:

- Why is it important to clean a wound and use sterile dressing?
- Why is it important to use even tension when wrapping a horse's leg?
- When should a veterinarian be consulted?

6. Transport

Have student demonstrate knowledge of appropriate loading, transport, and unloading practices.

Ask:

- What can help horses safely and calmly load and unload into a trailer?
- Why is it important to train horses how to load/unload into a trailer?
- Why should the NFACC Equine Transport Decision Tree be consulted before transporting a horse?



Evaluator comments:

Submission

I agree that student has successfully completed the requirements of the Equine 2070 Practical Skills evaluation:

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