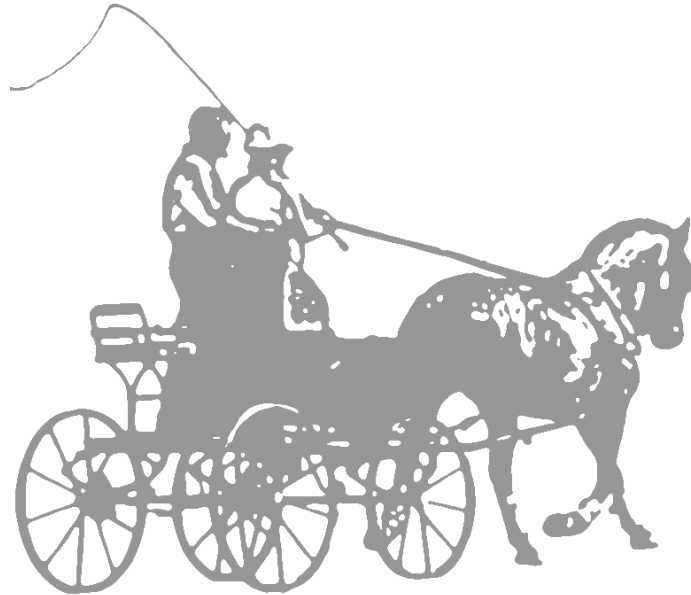


INTRODUCTORY CARRIAGE DRIVING PERSONAL SKILLS COURSE



COURSE OVERVIEW

Unit 1 General Horsemanship and Safety

At the end of this unit the candidate will be able to:

- 1.1 Identify points of the horse
- 1.2 Identify basic horse characteristics (identification)
- 1.3 Recognise and practice safe horse handling methods
- 1.4 Interpret basic horse behaviour and identify safety concerns relating to these behaviours
- 1.5 Identify the advantages, disadvantages and maintenance of different bedding types
- 1.6 Describe an appropriate management routine for stabled and paddock-kept horses
- 1.7 Identify the basic elements of safe paddock, stable and yard design
- 1.8 Identify essential risk management and safety measures around the stable complex

Unit 2 Harness and Equipment

At the end of this unit the candidate will be able to:

PART A: Harness

- 2a.1 Name and identify the parts of a Collar Harness for single turnout
- 2a.2 Name and identify the parts of a Breastcollar Harness for single turnout
- 2a.3 Describe the different types of harness and their purposes
- 2a.4 Name and identify the parts of a 'pair of winkers' and be able to take it apart and re-assemble it
- 2a.5 Fit a breast collar harness and a full collar harness
- 2a.6 Demonstrate and discuss the care and cleaning requirements of harness and driving equipment

PART B: Rugs and Boots

- 2b.1 Identify basic types of rugs and discuss rug materials
- 2b.2 Be able to rug and un-rug a horse correctly
- 2b.3 Identify the purpose and fit of different types of horse boots

Unit 3 Horse Care

At the end of this unit the candidate will be able to:

PART A: Health and Fitness

- 3a.1 Identify and discuss the signs of good health in the horse
- 3a.2 Identify the symptoms of tying-up/Azoturia
- 3a.3 Identify and discuss the symptoms of colic
- 3a.4 Identify and discuss the symptoms of laminitis/founder
- 3a.5 Discuss the importance of drenching and devise a suitable program for your area
- 3a.6 Discuss why a regular vaccination program is important for strangles and tetanus
- 3a.7 Discuss symptoms of ringworm, greasy heel/mud fever, lice, rain scald, sunburn and Queensland itch
- 3a.8 Recognise the basic symptoms of respiratory infections/problems
- 3a.9 Recognise swelling in the legs/joints and lameness
- 3a.10 Identify when to call the vet

PART B: Feeding

- 3b.1 Identify the 11 rules of feeding
- 3b.2 Recognise common feed types and their basic properties
- 3b.3 Identify and discuss poor quality or spoiled feed
- 3b.4 Recognise common poisonous weeds
- 3b.5 Discuss the correct storage of feed
- 3b.6 Recognise good and bad paddock feed and understand basic paddock management
- 3b.7 Discuss the use of hay nets

PART C: Hoof Care

- 3c.1 Safely pick up, handle and clean all four hooves of the horse
- 3c.2 Identify the external parts of the hoof
- 3c.3 Recognise the need for shoeing horses in work, hoof maintenance and understand the basic process
- 3c.4 Understand care of the horse's hooves

PART D: Grooming

- 3d.1 Assess and discuss the physical and visual value of grooming a horse
- 3d.2 Identify and demonstrate the use of common grooming equipment
- 3d.3 Describe correct horse washing techniques
- 3d.4 Be aware of all of the safety considerations related to horse grooming activities

PART E: Travelling

- 3e.1 Prepare a horse for travelling a short distance

Unit 4 Lungeing the Horse

At the end of this unit the candidate will be able to:

- 4.1 Demonstrate the fitting and use of correct handler attire, and tack/protective gear for the horse
- 4.2 Ability to identify a safe environment and area
- 4.3 Demonstrate the correct handling of equipment
- 4.4 Demonstrate lungeing a horse

Unit 5 Personal Driving Skills

At the end of this unit the candidate will be able to:

PART A: Preparation for driving

- 5.a.1 Harnessing up, putting to, and taking out, unharnessing

PART B: Safety

- 5.b.1 Considerations for safe driving
- 5.b.2 Identify appropriate and demonstrate comprehensive gear check for a single turnout

PART C: Basic Driving Skills

- 5.c.1 Mounting and dismounting safely
- 5.c.2 Demonstrate appropriate warm-up and cool-down procedures
- 5.c.3 Basic driving skills and movements
- 5.c.4 Awareness of driving on public roads