# STAGE 4 - OBSERVATION SHEET

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# STAGE 4 CARE - OBSERVATION SHEET

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| Learning Outcomes | Assessment criteria | Candidate name/ number | Candidate name/ number |
| LO1 – Be able to use specialist tack in a safe and efficient manner  | 1.1 Maintain safe handling and working procedures for health, safety, and welfare. |  |  |
| 1.2 Manage own time efficiently |
| 1.3 Explain a range of methods of restraint to ensure safety of horse and handler.*(Range = 2 or more)* |
| 1.4 Select, fit and evaluate tack for different situations |
| 1.5 Evaluate a range of training aids for riding.*(Range = 3 or more)* |
| 1.6 Evaluate use of a range of bits.*(Range = 3 or more)* |
| 1.7 Evaluate leg protection for a range of situations.*(Range = 2 or more)* |
| LO2- VIVA Understand nutritional requirements of horses | 2.1 Explain nutritional and dietary needs for a range of horses*(Range = 2 or more)* |  |  |
| 2.2 Evaluate the use of vitamin and mineral supplements in horses’ diets |
| 2.3 Analyse the management of a range of health conditions that may be linked to nutrition*(Range = 2 or more)* |
| LO3 – VIVA Understand the management of competition horses | 3.1 Analyse the management of competition horses pre, during, and post competition |  |  |
| 3.2 Evaluate the different fitness processes required for a range of performance horses.*(Range = 2 or more)* |
| LO4 – Be able maintain a horse’s physical wellbeing | 4.1 Assess a horse’s static conformation and physical condition  |  |  |
| 4.2 Analyse a horse’s lower leg and foot balance |
| 4.3 Assess a horse’s dynamic conformation |

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| LO4 - Be able maintain a horse’s physical wellbeing | 4.4 Explain how a range of remedial equipment would be in the prevention of rehabilitation of lameness*(Range = 2 or more)* |  |  |
| 4.5 Analyse the use of current bandaging methods |
| 4.6 Select and apply a suitable foot dressing or a figure of eight bandage |
| 4.7 Explain the function of a range of muscle groups |
| 4.8 Explain the role of the main tendons and ligaments in the lower leg |
| 4.9 Explain a range of common injuries to tendons and ligaments and their treatments*(Range = 2 or more)* |
| 4.10 Explain how to prevent injuries to tendons and ligaments |
| 4.11 Explain a range of common treatment and therapies *(Range = 3 or more)* |
| LO5- VIVA Understand the care of horses | 5.1 Explain how to maintain health and wellbeing of horses |  |  |
| 5.2 Explain procedures for managing a suspected outbreak of contagious disease  |
| 5.3 Evaluate end of life care |
| LO6 – VIVA Understand the care of mares and youngstock | 6.1 Explain how mares in foal should be cared for  |  |  |
| 6.2 Describe the signs a mare is due to foal |
| 6.3 Explain the foaling process |
| 6.4 Evaluate care options for the mare and foal |

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| LO6- VIVA Understand the care of mares and youngstock | 6.5 Explain the physical needs of young horses |  |  |
| 6.6 Explain method of handling young horses |
| LO7- VIVA Understand the care of older horses | 7.1 Explain how to recognise the signs of ageing |  |  |
| 7.2 Explain ongoing care of the older horse  |

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