



Regional Training Session Stable Management Curriculum

Stall Cleaning

- Why, when, how
- Types of bedding and equipment needed
- Aisleway care (sweeping, raking, dust control).

Basic Feeding Practices

- Types of hay and grain
- Timing of feeding
- Proper placement of hay/grain in stall (hay nets reviewed)
- Importance of clean water

Grooming and Bathing

- Techniques, bathing supplies (medicated, non-medicated, rinses)
- Hot toweling, ice for cooling (hot and cold therapies)

Clipping, Trimming and Mane Pulling

- Care of this equipment

Vital Signs

- Signs of common ailments (colic, abscesses, over-heating, eye injuries)
- When to call the vet
- Helpful information to provide to the vet

Basic

- Deworming
- Vaccinations
- Farrier & dental schedules
- Safe handling

Basic anatomy

- Focus on leg and foot

The Foot

- Basic balance issues
- Common shoes
- Caulks; types and uses
- Hoof care; normal versus thrush, abscesses, quarter cracks

Soundness Issues

- Identifying normal versus abnormal
- Detect muscle pain
- Tendon and ligament inflammation

Bandaging

- Types of bandages
- When to use or not
- Wound care
- Abscess care

Blanketing

- Types of blankets
- Appropriate temperatures for types of blankets,
- Leg straps and surcingles

Longeing

- How to and not to longe
- When to longe
- Where to longe

Tack

- Fitting and pieces/parts
- How to put on bit guards, bit keepers, martingale stoppers, gag rounds, lip straps
- Different types of cavessons
- Boots and protective bandages; what they will and will not do

Trailer Safety

- Types of trailers; pros and cons
- Loading and unloading tips and tricks
- Placement of hay inside trailer
- Basic trailer safety inspection

Special Veterinary Topics

- What is “blocking”?
- Difference between x-rays, ultrasound and MRI
- Therapeutic equipment that can be used in the barn (pulsed electromagnetic therapy, laser and ultrasound therapy, Game Ready cold compression, infrared light therapy)
- What is your vet doing when he “injects a joint”?
- Common drug therapies such as Legend, Adequan, Polyglycan; what they do and how they are typically given

Physical Fitness

- The importance of physical fitness for horse and rider
- Exercises for the healthy horse, exercises and programs for injured horses
- Carrot stretches by Hilary Clayton