

# YARD CHECKLIST



Taking care of the small things makes a big difference to the health and welfare of horses on your yard and helps to protect against the threat of infectious disease.

## DAILY

Check overall health and demeanour of horses under your care\*

Check fencing/stabling/shelter is safe, secure, undamaged

Check water (troughs/buckets) – break any ice in winter

Clean feed bowls if used

Check any tack or equipment left on horses under your care (rugs/head collar/grazing muzzle)

Give any medication or treatments if required for each horse

Muck out/poo pick

## WEEKLY

Check paddocks for any poisonous plants and remove

Thoroughly clean feed bowls and disinfect

Check troughs and clean and disinfect if necessary

Check stock/condition of feed and hay

Check drains are free-flowing

Clean sinks and hand washing facilities

Clean wash down areas and yard equipment eg. wheelbarrows, forks

## MONTHLY

Check status of first aid equipment (more frequently if required)

Check over any vehicles and disinfect where required (more frequently if required)

Check which horses require vaccinating in the coming month

Check with your vet as to local infectious disease risk

## ANNUALLY

Check insurance cover

Check disease prevention/isolation/vaccination protocols are appropriate and understood by all yard personnel

## OTHER

Check tack/equipment before each use

FWECs/anthelmintic treatments as required (follow veterinary advice)

For horses under your care - Hooves to be checked by qualified professional (usually every 6 to 8 weeks but different intervals may be recommended)

For horses under your care - Check of tack by a qualified saddler (every 6 months or when any significant change in body shape, type of work, behaviour, etc)

For horses under your care - Dental check (every 6 months or as recommended by a professional)

\* See separate Your Horse Health Checklist for more information

