



ESNZ Development Equine Management

Program Outline

MODULE 1 - Physical Characteristics

- Measuring a horse
- Ageing and teeth
- Conformation faults and the effect on action and soundness

MODULE 2 - Feeding


- How horses digest their food
- Characteristics and functions of major nutrients
- Types of feed and their effect upon the horse
- Factors affecting dietary requirements
- Supplements and when they may be required
- Plant poisoning and symptoms
- Nutritional requirements and feeding programs

MODULE 3 - Health, Fitness and Conditioning


- First aid for horses
- Leg strains and unsoundness
- Hoof problems
- Other complaints
- Shoeing
- Fitness and conditioning

MODULE 4 - Saddlery, Grooming and Transport


- The action of various bits
- Exercise and stable bandages
- Pulling and plaiting
- Trimming for presentation
- Clipping a horse
- Preparation for long-distance horse transport
- Safe loading and unloading
- Loading and towing

 **Activity**

Circle which **two** horses below you would choose for a sport horse career: A B C D E F



Describe the conformation faults of the remaining four horses

 **Activity**

Describe two outcomes that may be seen in a horse that does not chew its food properly (bolts its food) or has sharp teeth

1) _____

2) _____

Describe why dampening dry feed can be beneficial for the horse _____

The average adult horse has a stomach capacity of between _____ and _____ litres

70-75% of horses on high grain, low roughage diets have shown a chance of developing: _____