



Shire Horse Society

Merit Awards

Shire Horse Grooming and Safe Handling

The Applicant to produce a short video (maximum two minutes per segment) demonstrating adequate skills in Shire Horse Grooming and General Safety to show Awareness, Knowledge and Understanding of the following when Working from the Ground with Shire horses

- Approaching a Shire Horse Correctly and Safely from the Ground and Showing Awareness of its Blind Spots

Demonstrate approaching a Shire horse correctly and safely and being aware of its blind spots and flight zone.

Show an understanding of the Shire horse's body language and/or expression, recognising head neck and ear position when establishing the horse's mood/ temperament to avoid startling or irritating the horse.

- Safely Tying up a Shire Horse

Demonstrate how to tie up a Shire horse using a quick release knot.

- Picking up a Foot

Show how to approach the Shire horse safely and how to get the Shire horse to lift its foot and hold to the correct height for examination/cleaning.

- Halters and Leading a Shire Horse

Show knowledge of how to put on and fit a halter safely and correctly, how to hold a lead rope and how to lead a Shire horse walking beside him.

Demonstrate how to turn a Shire horse away from you.

Demonstrate how to safely lead a Shire horse through narrow openings such as a stable doorway.

Show how to turn a Shire horse out correctly into a field turning back to the gate before release to prevent any accidents or being kicked or the horse bolting and pulling you over.

- Grooming

Demonstrate safe practice when grooming a Shire horse using a variety of brushes and explain their various uses.

Safety Note: Please wear suitable PPE where appropriate, including but not limited to, current British Standard Safety hat, gloves and safety footwear

