

## Horse Welfare Officer- Job Description

### Background:

A Horse Welfare Officer is a voluntary position who acts as part of the support system to the Organising Committee and Officials (Judge, TD, Steward) at an EWA event or competition. The role is not a compulsory, or an official role, but is recommended by EWA for all sanctioned events and competitions.

### Purpose:

The Horse Welfare Officer plays two main roles at a competition or event, they are:

1. To act as a visual deterrent in order to prevent any breaches of horse welfare from occurring.
2. To act as a point of contact for other competitors or spectators to notify incidents of concern, and to then assist that person in making a report.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Move through the competition grounds, including the stables, warm up arenas, float parking, round yards and around competition arenas/ areas themselves. Remember, you are there to act as a visual reminder that horse welfare standards must be followed and to act as a deterrent.
- Have an understanding of the rules of the day, and an understanding of appropriate horse welfare.
- Be friendly and approachable.
- Your role is there to support the organising committee and officials on the day. Please be aware that your role has no official standing or authority to make decisions or sanctions, nor can you reprimand a rider/ owner in anyway.
- Should you see an incident of concern, make notes as appropriate, take photos or video on your phone, and call one of the numbers listed on your induction sheet for assistance.
- Do not engage in any conflict. If in doubt, call an official.
- Do not make any judgements on a particular incident. Record evidence as you witness it, or ask a witness to make a formal report.
- Support the work of the TD, Judges, Stewards and Organising committee.
- Provide feedback at the end of the day to the Organising committee on your observations.