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Before the horse arrives at the grounds:

- For an unknown* horse, the owner is required to give 5 days' notice to the Secretary for approval prior to the horse's entry to the grounds.
- For a known* horse, the owner is required to give 2 days' notice to the Secretary for approval prior to the horse's entry to the grounds.
- The owner is to notify the Vaccination/Worming Officer of the horse's vaccination and worming status (this is so the committee can make any necessary arrangements for the horse's arrival).
- Proof of vaccinations is to be provided to the vaccination officer prior to the horse arriving on the grounds, and annually thereafter.
- Where a horse is being leased, a copy of the lease agreement must be provided to the club secretary.

Socialisation period:

- From their arrival, the horse is to be kept in the round yard or other designated yard (including for feeding purposes) for the full socialisation period. This will enable the horse to get comfortable in their new surroundings and to bond with their owner away from the other horses and activity around the feed yards. Obviously, the exception to this is when the horse is being ridden/worked.
- Socialisation procedure:
 - **Day 1 - 6** – confined to round yard at all times, except if riding or accessing feed yard
 - **Day 7 - 8** – 1 to 2hrs supervised out with the herd during the day
 - **Day 9 – 10** – out with herd during the day, confined at night
 - **Day 11** – out with herd full time

Note: if horse **arrives in the a.m.** this is classified as **day 1**. If horse **arrives in the p.m.** (after midday) this is **day 0**.

During socialisation, you **MUST** tend to your horse both morning and evening.

- Manure within the socialisation yard should be picked up twice daily and the area kept clean and tidy. No weekly requirement necessary when horse is confined to socialisation. Once in the herd the weekly requirement must be adhered to.
- The horse should have a plentiful supply of water and water buckets should be cleaned daily.
- If the horse is unvaccinated*, it is important that it remains in the round yard, including for feeding purposes, until such time as the horse has commenced the vaccination process. Obviously, the exception to this is when the horse is being ridden/worked.
- When handling an unvaccinated horse, particularly where the horse has not been Hendra vaccinated, care should always be taken to avoid coming into contact with the horse's bodily fluids until the horse is considered vaccinated i.e. until the horse has received the 2nd dose and has been recognised on the Hendra Vaccinations Register (health4horses.com.au).
- People not directly associated with the care of the horse should refrain from coming into contact with the horse and a general advice alert to members will be issued.

- If an unvaccinated horse starts to show signs of illness, the owner should contact their vet immediately and advise the Committee as a matter of priority.

Release of horse into the general paddock:

- Ideally the horse is to be released on a day where it can be closely monitored.
- Prior to release, familiarise the horse with fences, water troughs, hazards, creek bed etc by walking the horse around the grounds.
- The horse is to be released in the morning to enable sufficient time for the horse to negotiate its new surroundings. Under no circumstances is the horse to be released late in the afternoon/evening due to limited daylight and most horses are either being ridden or in being fed in their feed yards and therefore unable to socialise with the new horse. Also limited vet access should an incident occur.
- The owner is to remain on the grounds for an hour or so following release to ensure the horse is safe and comfortable.

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Unknown: is a horse that has not agisted with our horses before, so is unknown to them.

Known: is a horse that has agisted with our horses previously and is known to the majority of the herd

Unvaccinated horse: if a horse is not owned and is on a trial period, it may be unvaccinated due to the current owner's preference. A horse that has been purchased and certain vaccinations with previous owner may not have been necessary and the new owner is unable to vaccinate prior to arrival eg. If a horse is being transported.