

# Yard Groom

## Job Summary:

A Yard Groom is a non-riding yard-based role responsible for the daily care, handling, and well-being of racehorses.

## Main Duties:

- Perform general yard maintenance: sweeping, disinfecting, emptying muck trailers
- Assist with basic stable duties: mucking out, watering, bedding down
- Help with feed preparation and distribution
- Move horses under supervision (e.g., to walkers or turnout areas)
- Clean and maintain yard equipment and facilities
- Support adherence to biosecurity and health & safety procedures

## Competencies (Behavioural):

- Hardworking and proactive
- Willingness to learn and take instruction
- Attention to cleanliness and routine
- Reliable and safety conscious

## Core Skills:

- Basic horse handling under supervision
- Understanding of stable routines and cleanliness
- Awareness of horse health and behaviour
- Working supportively as part of a team
- Following direction from Senior staff
- Understanding of biosecurity and regulations within racing
- Respect for confidentiality

## Education and Experience:

- No formal qualifications required
- Level 2 or 3 apprenticeship available
- Experience handling thoroughbreds or other equine breeds ideal.

## Working Conditions:

- Outdoor, physical work in all weather
- Early starts and weekend duties common
- Working within a team often with fast-pace routines

## Pay and Benefits:

- Salary will be in line with or above the NARS/NTF memorandum of agreement, which provides for a Racing Industry Minimum Rates of Pay Structure and standard conditions of employment for racing staff.
- Pool money and accommodation sometimes available



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