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Mr R Jackson City & Guilds 1 Giltspur St London

Dear Robin

We wish to provide support for the City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Equine Care.

The British Horse Society is a charitable organisation that is working towards a world where every horse is properly protected and cared for and to ensure horse owners and riders get more from their relationship with horses. It represents the interests of the 3.5 million people in the UK who ride or who drive horse-drawn vehicles.

As the foremost and most influential equestrian charity in the UK it brings to the fore the full scope of charitable objectives in education, welfare, access and safety.

The education department works with the proprietors of riding schools, livery yards and trekking centres to maintain the highest standards and to run an exam system that is one of the best and most widely-respected in the world providing qualifications that are internationally recognised throughout the equine industry.

We support the inclusion of the following practical skills and knowledge within the qualification, and feel that it is fit for purpose for a young person aged 16 or over progressing into a job such as a Junior Groom when supplemented by an industry recognised practical qualification such as the BHS Stages 1 and 2 examinations. The skills and knowledge that are important for our businesses include:

- Health and Safety when working with horses
- Equine health and welfare
- Horse tack and equipment
- Routine stable duties
- Feeding and watering horses
- Horse handling and grooming
- Lungeing horses
- Work experience
- Introduction to Equine anatomy and physiology
- Principles of horse behaviour
- Riding horses under supervision
- Riding horses for exercise

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- Keeping horses at grass
- Assisting with the transportation of horses
- Assisting with the care of competition horses
- Environmental Business

The qualification would give a young person an advantage when seeking employment or applying for an apprenticeship.

We support the recent amendment to the qualification content to reflect changes in legislation

We give permission for our company name and logo to be made publicly available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely

Alex Copeland

**Director of Education**