

Position Description

Training Assistant

Position Summary:

The Training Assistant plays a vital support role within the training team, working under the direction of the Trainer to ensure the smooth operation of daily routines. This position involves a variety of hands-on tasks that contribute to the care of horses and the maintenance of the training environment. The Training Assistant helps ensure that the Trainer can focus on performance, planning, and compliance by managing essential support duties.

1 Key Responsibilities:

- **Support to the Trainer:**
 - Assisting with the design and implementation of individualised training programs for each horse.
 - Monitoring fitness, behaviour, and performance during trackwork and trials.
 - Adjusting training schedules based on horse condition, race targets, and veterinary advice when required.
 - Relaying instructions and updates between the Trainer and stable staff as required.
- **Horse Welfare and Health:**
 - Overseeing feeding, grooming, and general care routines.
 - Identifying signs of illness, injury, or behavioural issues and responding appropriately.
 - Coordinating veterinary care, farrier services, and rehabilitation programs.
- **Operational Support:**
 - Supervising stablehands, track riders, and support staff.
 - Managing supplies such as feed, bedding, and gear.
 - Performing basic maintenance and repairs around the stable or training facility.
- **Race Preparation and Strategy:**
 - Work with the Trainer to select suitable races and managing nominations and entries.
 - Preparing horses for race day, including travel, presentation, and gear.
 - Work with the Trainer to develop race strategies and liaising with jockeys and owners.
 - Attendance on Race Day.
- **Compliance and Safety:**
 - Following all workplace health and safety procedures.
 - Using personal protective equipment (PPE) as required.
 - Supporting the Trainer in maintaining compliance with animal welfare and biosecurity standards

2 Skills and Attributes:

- A strong work ethic and willingness to learn.
- Ability to follow instructions and work as part of a team.
- Good communication skills and a proactive attitude.
- Physically fit and capable of performing manual tasks.
- Extensive experience in horse handling.
- Working knowledge of horse training

3 Work Environment:

- Outdoor and stable/track-based work in all weather conditions.
- Fast-paced, high-pressure environment with early starts and weekend work.
- Requires physical fitness, resilience, and a strong commitment to animal welfare