



Ride High Equestrian Centre Equine Welfare policy

We are passionate about horses, they are our partners and our friends.

Their welfare and happiness is of supreme importance.

No aggression or violence towards any of our horses will be tolerated.

Our horses will never work if they are unwell or tired.

Our horses will have regular footcare, dental care, vaccinations and worming.

Each horse will be checked over every day by an experienced person for any illness, cuts, abrasions or swelling.

Horses are social creatures and all our horses will spend time with or near other horses.

No horse will be overworked.

All horses will have at least one day of rest per week.

In general horses will work a maximum of three hours per day. Any horse working more than three hours on one day eg. half day hacks will have adequate rest and access to adequate feed and water during the day).

Our horses will always be matched with riders who are suitable for them (eg.in terms of experience, height and weight).

Our horses will only be worked at a level suitable for their age, experience and stage of training.

All our horses will be ridden by experienced personnel from time to time to ensure that they are moving freely and happily.

Our weight policy is no riders over 16 stone and only horses suitable for weight carrying will work with riders over 13 stone.

All horses ridden by inexperienced riders will be in snaffle or bitless bridles.

All our horses will have carefully fitted tack and rugs.

Our teaching will always include elements relating to horse care and welfare.