Spring care checklist

Field checks after winter, spring equipment and current care arrangements.

Horse and checklist details

Horse's name

Yard or location

Spring year and checklist reference

Started by, with date

Mark whether each check applies: Yes, No or To confirm. Yes is not evidence of a completed check. Record the finding, checker and date; write Not yet checked where needed. Blank means not recorded. Add only agreed actions and dates; write Not agreed if still missing. Only text visible inside a box will print; each line break uses space. If a box is full, continue in a separate blank copy of this PDF, using the same horse and checklist reference. Do not duplicate a page within the PDF. On paper, use another printed copy of the relevant page.

Check the field after winter

Check	Applies?	Finding; checked by and date	Agreed next step	Person responsible	Agreed date
S1. Fencing: check posts, rails or wire for damage and gaps.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
S2. Gates: check hinges, fastenings and opening or closing.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
S3. Shelter: check for visible damage and whether access is clear.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
S4. Drinkers and troughs: check cleanliness, condition and water flow.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
S5. Field and access routes: check for fallen branches, debris and damaged ground; identify anything needing further assessment.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				

Name the field, gate, drinker or other location in the finding. Record unresolved damage even when the inspection is finished.

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Prepare the equipment used for this horse

Check	Applies?	Finding; checked by and date	Agreed next step	Person responsible	Agreed date
S6. Insect equipment: check that the masks or rugs in the existing instructions are available, clean and free from damage.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
S7. Winter rugs no longer in use: identify which need cleaning and locate their cleaning instructions.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
S8. Winter rug repairs: check fabric, straps and fastenings; identify each repair separately.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
S9. Winter rug storage: check that rugs ready for storage are clean, dry and labelled, and record where they are kept.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				

Check the current instructions are available

Check	Applies?	Finding; checked by and date	Agreed next step	Person responsible	Agreed date
S10. Turnout: locate the agreed spring arrangements, their source and date; check carers can access the current version.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
S11. Feed and water: locate the current instructions and any agreed changes; check the source, date and person responsible for supplies.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				

Record instructions by source and location. A missing or conflicting instruction remains a question; this checklist does not create a replacement plan.

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Check care records and cover

Check	Applies?	Finding; checked by and date	Agreed next step	Person responsible	Agreed date
S12. Care records: locate current records and already agreed appointments; note any missing source or unconfirmed booking.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
S13. Care cover: check current contact details, responsibilities and any confirmed cover for changed spring arrangements.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				

An advised date, a confirmed appointment and completed care are separate facts. Naming a carer does not confirm their agreement.

Your own check

Check	Applies?	Finding; checked by and date	Agreed next step	Person responsible	Agreed date
S14. Additional check: describe it in the finding.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				

Questions and work still open

Check reference or question	Agreed action, person and date	Actual answer or outcome, source and date	What remains open

Use the check reference to connect follow-up to the original finding. Record what actually happened, who did it or supplied the answer, and when. Keep unresolved work visible; an inspection, booking or message is not evidence that the work is finished.