

Horse Owner's Certificate Level One

We have had enquiries from both riding school clients and private owners as to whether we would consider or be likely to run a BHS Horse Owner's Certificate. We are happy to say that we will be running a Level One course this autumn.

The course will be taken by one of our instructors Elissa Hebborn, BHSII and is open to anyone over the age of 12 and for both horse owner's or potential horse owner's who would like to learn more about the welfare and care of our four legged friends!

You do not need to be a member of the BHS to attend this course.

It will consist of 90 minute sessions and will start at 6pm (the days and times are still to be confirmed subject to demand).

The horse owner's certificate consists of four levels of theory/qualification and Level One will be starting in September 2010. You will cover the following topics.

- Knowledge of horse types, uses, colours and markings.
- Elementary stable management.
- Knowledge of care and maintenance required to keep a horse healthy and comfortable in a stable.
- Stable routine and safety in the stable. Safe handling of both the horse and equipment necessary for his well-being. A knowledge of substances in common use which require particular care and/or storage.
- Identification of items of tack in common use and naming of the parts.
- Basic care of tack. Ability to take to pieces, inspect for safety, clean and re-assemble.
- Reasons and principles of grooming. Knowledge of the items in a grooming kit and their use.
- Basic knowledge of shoeing and care of the foot.
- Recognition of signs of health and ill health and when to call a vet.
- Temperature, pulse, respiration and the signs of health.
- Preventative treatments - worming, flu-vac etc. A basic knowledge of the need to worm and vaccinate.
- Elementary principles of watering and feeding. Rules of feeding and watering.
- A knowledge of buying a horse. Points to look for. The need for a vet to assess the horse before purchase.
- Elementary rules for preparing a horse for a ride; riding out on the roads; returning from a ride; riding dress.

If you are interested in attending the course, please contact the office on 01208 831817 or e-mail info@barguseridingcentre.co.uk for further information on times and cost.