

# GROENVOER

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## GROENVOER BASIC GROOM TRAINING COURSE OVERVIEW

The course will provide basic feeding, grooming, tack, farrier, and vet care guidelines. The tutors will include feed analyst Penny Barnes, veterinary nurse Nikita van Breda, farrier Mitzi van der Merwe and stable yard owner Pam Botha of Glen Austin Stables Riding School. We will have translators.

The feeding tutorial includes

- Short overview of different horse breeds and conformation
- Why horses need balanced rations, and what contribution the specific ingredients make to the horse's wellbeing
- What determines the feeding of different protein feeds 10%, 12% or 14% - age, workload, time of year
- Danger signs of unacceptable quality in feed and fodder
- The importance of weighing feed, as different forms of feed (ration vs pellets), and different ingredients (eg. oats vs mealies) have different densities
- Regular feeding as a colic prevention step
- Feed storage and stock control
- Poisonous paddock plants
- The grooms will also be shown how we mix our Groenvoer horse feeds, and will learn about the philosophy behind our approach.
- Our supervisors will teach the grooms the importance of carefully checking invoices, and checking the appearance of each item. We stress that their signature means that they have received and checked all the goods on an invoice. We also stress that it is at delivery time that they can, and must, complain if any item does not meet their quality standards.

The stable management lessons covers

- Correct mucking out
- Dismantling a bridle, cleaning, oiling and re-assembling it
- The correct way to hold and store saddlery
- How to put a halter on and how to lead a horse
- How to groom a horse
- How to saddle up
- Inspecting paddocks and arenas for faulty fencing which could cause injury
- Lunging
- Exercise – the importance of gradually building up a program

The basic veterinary lesson includes

- Danger signs – what to watch out for and when to phone the vet
- How to prepare for the vet's visit
- Common horse care mistakes
- Hoof care
- Treating small abrasions, and bandaging sprained muscles
- Deworming – how and when to administer, and the importance of regular removal of droppings from paddocks
- Prevention and treatment of skin disease
- After care – wound & bandage care
- First aid kit essentials
- Teeth Care and checking

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The basic farrier info lesson covers

- Anatomy of a hoof
- Picking up hooves
- Cleaning out hooves – what to check for
- Cracks – vertical, horizontal, chips & flares
- Shedding
- Foreign objects
- Bruising, Abscesses
- Loose, shifted and missing shoes
- How to poultice
- Everyday Lameness
- Laminitis

The grooms will also be provided with notes and graphics to take home with them. These will include a list of First Aid Kit essentials, worm cycle charts, basic anatomy, stock sheets to facilitate different feeding schedules, re-order reminders and telephone contact numbers.

The grooms will also receive a certificate at the end of the course, and a small memento of the course.

- We want to give your grooms a new appreciation of their role in the management of your animals.
- We want the groom training course to equip your grooms with vital information that takes them to a new level of care for your horses.
- We want this new knowledge to give your grooms confidence and minimize stress when dealing with your horses.
- We want this new atmosphere to result in a happier, more efficiently run yard, and happier horses and riders.
- We know we produce superior quality feed.
- We want it fed to your animals by well-trained grooms – holistic animal management at its best.

Yours sincerely

The Khoury Family