

# INSURANCE & EXERCISING OF RDA EQUINES BY RDA VOLUNTEERS



It is recognised that in order to keep equines fit and healthy for RDA work, we need to exercise them beyond normal RDA usage. The exercising of RDA equines both within and outside the approved RDA location, by RDA volunteers, will only be insured under RDA insurance when the following conditions are met:

## 1. The Purpose

- a) The exercising of the equine is only insured where there is no other opportunity for its exercising. For example, the insurance would not apply if the horses are shared with a riding school and ridden by its clients or owners.
- b) The purpose of the exercise is to benefit the equine, not the rider/driver, and the equine must only be ridden/driven in activities that are appropriate and deemed suitable by the person identified in point 3a
- c) The precise nature of the activity will vary from group to group, but this condition must always be met – e.g. racing or hunting would not be insured.

## 2. The Equine

The equine must be solely used for RDA purposes

## 3. The Rider/Driver

- a) The Group Trustees must appoint a person from within the group who is suitably experienced to judge whether a volunteer or member of staff may exercise an equine within or outside the approved RDA location.
- b) Only people who are judged able to ride/drive and control an equine within or outside the approved RDA location are allowed to exercise the animal.
- c) Normal conditions relating to the maximum weight an equine can carry apply.
- d) Normal RDA requirements for the wearing of riding hats, which must meet the current safety standards, and appropriate clothing apply.

## 4. The Location

- a) The appointed person (as in point 3a) must designate which areas are acceptable for riding/driving.
- b) RDA approved locations are always acceptable for riding/driving equines, but riding/driving outside the boundary of an RDA approved area should only be after agreement with the appointed person.

**In order for the insurance to apply to an RDA Member Group, one of the Groups Trustees must complete and sign the attached form and return this to RDA National Office.**

**RDA UK reserves the right to remove the insurance from this activity, on the advice of Regional or County officials.**

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The Trustees of this Member Group of Riding for the Disabled Association wish to use volunteers to exercise RDA equines. The Trustees understand and accept that all the conditions listed above must be met in order for this to be covered under RDA insurance. If any of the activities above are not met, the Trustees understand that neither the rider/driver nor the Member Group will be insured.

NAME OF GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Trustee of the Group)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_