

# **Stud Groom/Assistant Manager**

## **Job Description**

The Stud Groom is second in charge to the Stud Manager and they have many extra responsibilities to those of a Stud Hand. These include the welfare of the horses, feeding, exercising, liaising with the vet and farrier, teasing and covering, attending to mares and foals during and after foaling, maintaining the stud records, supervising and liaising with staff, and he/she may also have to keep in close contact with owners.

He/she has to be prepared to work long hours. However, as an essential part of the stud's work force and taking responsibility for the well being of valuable bloodstock it is a particularly rewarding career.

## **How to become a Stud Groom**

A Stud Groom needs an in-depth knowledge of horses and the breeding industry which can only be gained from years of experience. It is normal for staff to spend several years as Assistant Stud Groom before they are considered able to take on the role of Stud Groom. Opportunities are limited as each stud will normally have only one Stud Groom.

A qualification such as a National Diploma in Equine Studies, The National Stud Diploma or an NVQ Level 3 in Racehorse Care and Management including the breeding option will help towards gaining the knowledge and experience necessary to become an Assistant Stud Groom and possible Stud Groom.