



# Introduction to Equine Emergency Rescue short course

## Location

Various locations (including Dunedin)

## Duration

Three hours

## Intakes

Flexible

## Apply

Anytime

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If you are a veterinary professional, work in the emergency services, own or work with horses, then this course is for you.

Horses are typically seen as accident prone animals. It is every owner's worst nightmare to think of their horse being trapped in a floating accident, in mud, sand or deep water, or by falling down a steep ravine. Unfortunately though these scenarios do happen and participants in this introductory course will learn some valuable skills to help in these situations; know what to do when the unthinkable occurs.

This course is suitable for veterinary professionals, horse owners and members of the emergency service. It caters for those with little horse experience to very experienced horsemen.

Course availability is subject to minimum numbers and participant numbers are limited to 20 per course.

Please note: This course, along with our other equine short courses, is run to demand throughout New Zealand. We hold waiting lists for many areas. If you or your club/organisation are interested in hosting any of our equine short courses in your area, please contact [Steph.Mann@op.ac.nz](mailto:Steph.Mann@op.ac.nz)

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