

# STEPHEN NDIGWA

## Senior Equine Groom & Rider

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A highly disciplined, reliable, and deeply knowledgeable Senior Equine Groom and Rider with over 12 years of professional experience in high-level stable management and athletic horse care. Proven expertise across dressage, show jumping, endurance, and premium stud operations, with a strong emphasis on a "horse-first" mentality. Expert in handling stallions, mares, and foals safely, maintaining elite turnout standards, and managing proactive health monitoring. Entered the industry at age 27, building a reputation for maturity, strong work ethic, and dedication to equine stamina and recovery.

## CORE SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- **Equine Handling & Riding:** Specialised in managing stallions, foals, and high-energy performance horses. Competent in flat rides, fitness maintenance, lunging, and long reining.
- **Turnout Excellence:** Technical grooming expertise, including professional clipping, plaiting (braiding), and elite show preparation to the highest stud-farm standards.
- **Health & Welfare:** Expert at identifying early signs of colic, lameness, or illness; highly experienced in managing injuries, sickness protocols, and stamina/recovery routines.
- **Stable & Stud Management:** Comprehensive daily yard organization, mucking out, precise feeding schedules, rugging, tack/leather maintenance, and assisting with foal weaning.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Equilux Stud Stables | Senior Equine Groom & Rider

Dec 2014 – Nov 2024

- Managed the daily care, feeding, conditioning, and grooming routines for top-tier sport and stud horses.
- Oversaw general stable operations, including yard organization, mucking, rugging, and regular tack maintenance.
- Executed specialized training routines, including lunging, long reining, and flat riding to maintain horse fitness.
- Supervised stud operations: safely handled mares, stallions, and foals for daily turnouts and assisted during the critical weaning process.
- Acted as the primary observer for equine health, ensuring early diagnosis and treatment reporting for injuries or illness.
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Delivered immaculate turnout presentation through professional clipping and plaiting for shows and inspections.

**Private Clients | Freelance Groom & Stable Specialist**

Ongoing / Flexible

- Provide high-end freelance grooming, riding, and stable management services for private yards and specific competition needs.

## EDUCATION

**Chipadze Secondary School**

Graduated: 2001

Form 4 Certificate

## PERSONAL DETAILS

<b>Date of Birth:</b>	06/06/1987
<b>Nationality:</b>	Zimbabwean
<b>Passport Number:</b>	AE845671
<b>Driver's Licence:</b>	Code B (Light motor vehicles / Light cars)
<b>Languages:</b>	English, Shona, and IsiZulu
<b>Interests:</b>	Running and Soccer

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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