

EQUINE EMERGENCY CHART

Vital Signs

Foals:

Temperature: Increases x4 days
then, plateaus at 100 - 102°F
Heart Rate: 60 - 110 bpm
Respiratory: 25 - 60 breaths/min

Adult Horse:

Temperature: 99.5 - 101.4°F
Heart Rate: 32 - 44 bpm
Respiratory Rate: 6 - 16 breaths/min
Mucous Membrane Color: Pale Pink
Capillary Refill Time: 1 - 2 Seconds
Gut Sounds: Always Present

Basic First Aid Kit

Stethoscope	4x4 Gauze
Utility Scissors	Vet Wrap 4" or 6"
Utility Knife/Pocket Knife	6" Gauze Roll
Hemostat	Roll of Elasticon Tape
Digital Thermometer	Duct Tape
Plastic Bowl	Telfa Pads
Salt	Ophthalmic Ointment
Light	
Antibacterial Ointment (water-soluble)	
Antiseptic Solution	
Antiseptic Soap ("Hibiclens")	
1lb Cotton Roll	
Medication (if necessary) - TMZ, Bute &/or Banamine	
Leg Wraps	

Basic First Aid

Lacerations:

- Control Hemorrhage: bandage &/or direct pressure
- Clean contaminated wounds with clean water & antiseptic soap
- Control swelling - bandage
- Attention to punctures

Colic:

- Mild to Moderate pain - obtain vital signs then call for Vet assistance
 - *Don't give banamine without first speaking with Vet*
- **No Food** - Walk 10 - 15min, Rest 30 min and repeat if necessary
- If horse presents with Severe or Unrelenting Pain - CALL VET NOW

Parturition:

- Stage II (Breaking Water) - 10-30 min & making progress, "diving" position w/ staggered front legs then head, if mal-positioned or no progress - CALL FOR ASSISTANCE
- Stage III (Pass Afterbirth) - Should pass placenta within 4 hours, examine for entirety
- Wash mare around vulva and udder to dilute contamination
- Foal should stand within 2 hours, dip navel with antiseptic solution

Lameness:

- Look for heat and swelling
- Apply cold 20-30 min
- Minimize swelling, support and immobilize with a bandage
- Nothing Apparent: It's in the foot until proven otherwise.

Eye Injuries & Issues:

- Clean/Flush w/ salt solution or water
- Use a cold compress if swollen, just don't place ice directly on ocular globe.
- Antibiotic ophthalmic ointment
- Call for Vet advice &/or assistance

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