

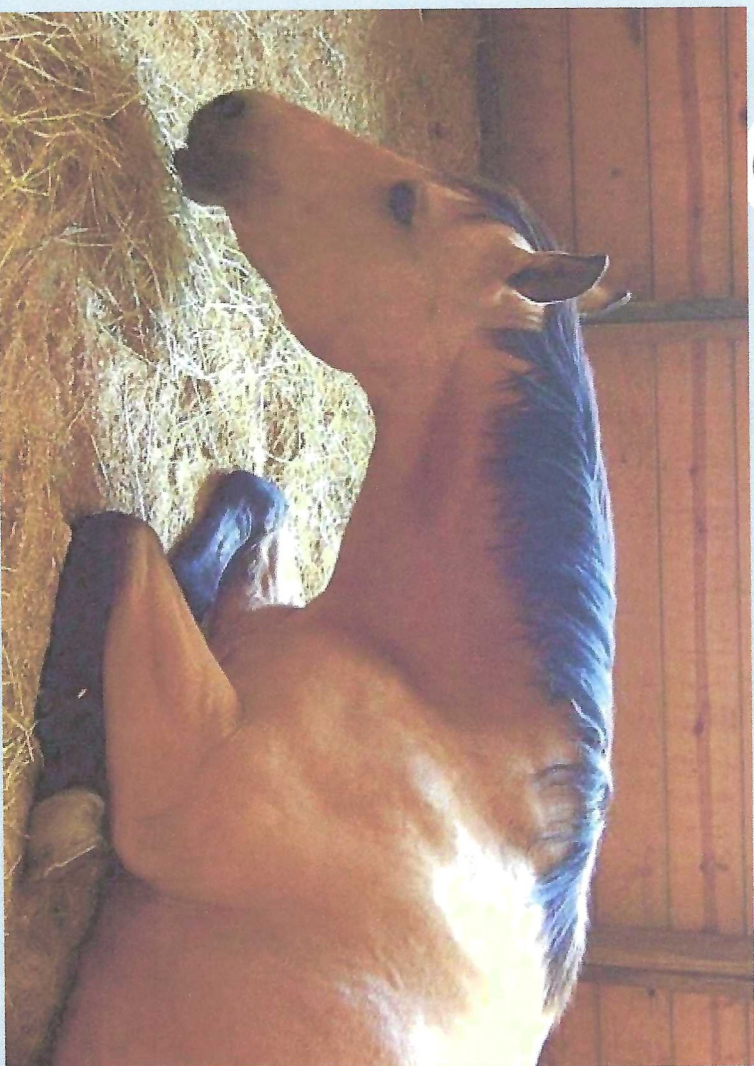


KNOW WHAT'S NORMAL



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- Vital signs
- Attitude
- Appetite
- Manure production



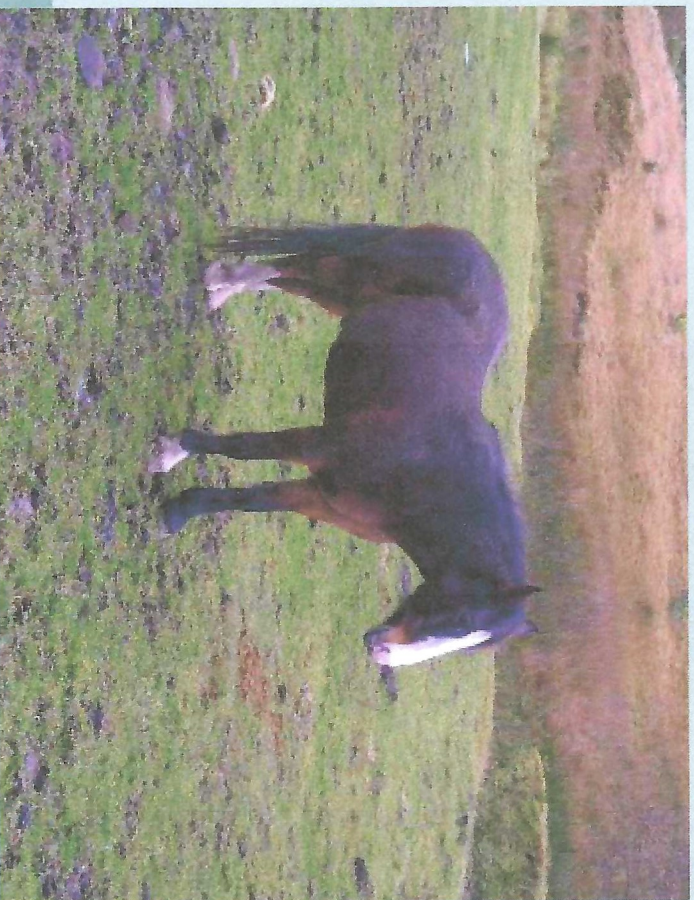
This will make it easier to recognize a problem and relay the information to your veterinarian.



RECOGNIZE SIGNS OF DISTRESS

- Decreased appetite
- Lethargy
- Getting up and down or laying down longer than normal
- Single animal off by itself
- Sudden lameness
- Purple or red gum color

- Squinting, tearing or holding the eye closed
- Fever (greater than 102° F)



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SIGNS OF COLIC

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WHAT IS COLIC?

- Any cause of abdominal pain
- Gastrointestinal
 - Most common
- Other body system
 - Respiratory
 - Urinary
 - Reproductive
 - Musculoskeletal
 - Nervous
 - Cardiovascular



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WHAT TO DO?



- Call the vet as soon as you suspect colic
 - Can progress quickly
- Perform a brief exam – IF it's safe
 - Heart rate
 - Gut sounds
 - Gum color

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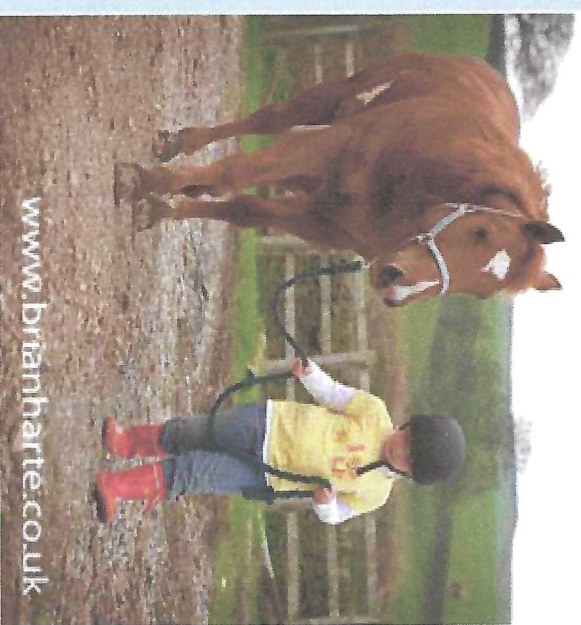

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WHAT TO DO???

- **Things to tell the vet:**
 - Changes in feed or routine
 - Quantity and consistency of recent manure
 - Medical info – deworming, vaccines, pregnancy
- **Walk your horse**
 - Try to keep from going down, rolling
 - Until the vet arrives
- **Do not give any medication unless your vet specifically instructs you to – can mask signs**





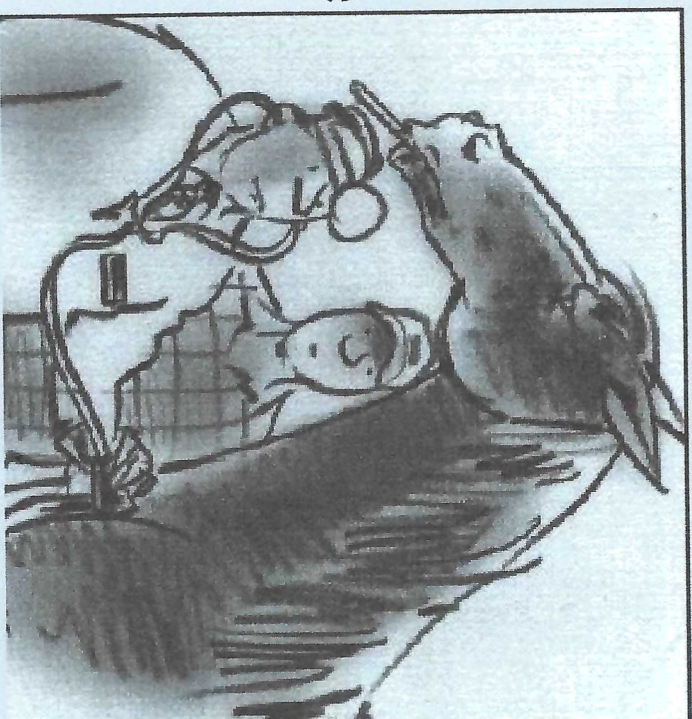
TRIVIA QUESTION



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Can horses regurgitate???
(ie. vomit)

No! Horses *cannot* regurgitate
With certain conditions the
stomach may become
distended and can rupture
if not treated.





COLIC TREATMENT

- Physical exam
- Pass a nasogastric tube
 - Relieve fluid and gas distention to prevent rupture
 - Give fluids, laxatives, electrolytes
- Rectal exam
 - Distention, displacement, impactions
- Abdominocentesis
- Bloodwork

