



EQUINE FIRST AID



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As a horse owner, you must know how to recognize problems, respond promptly and take appropriate action while waiting for the veterinarian to arrive.

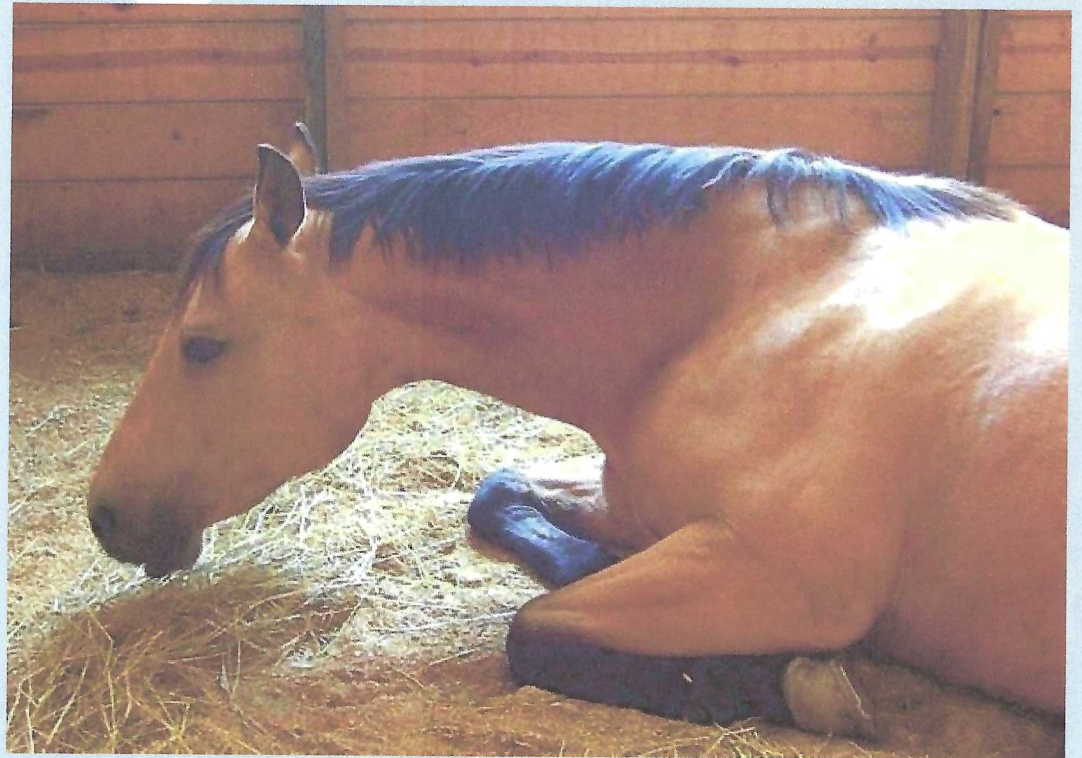


KNOW WHAT'S NORMAL



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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



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- 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)



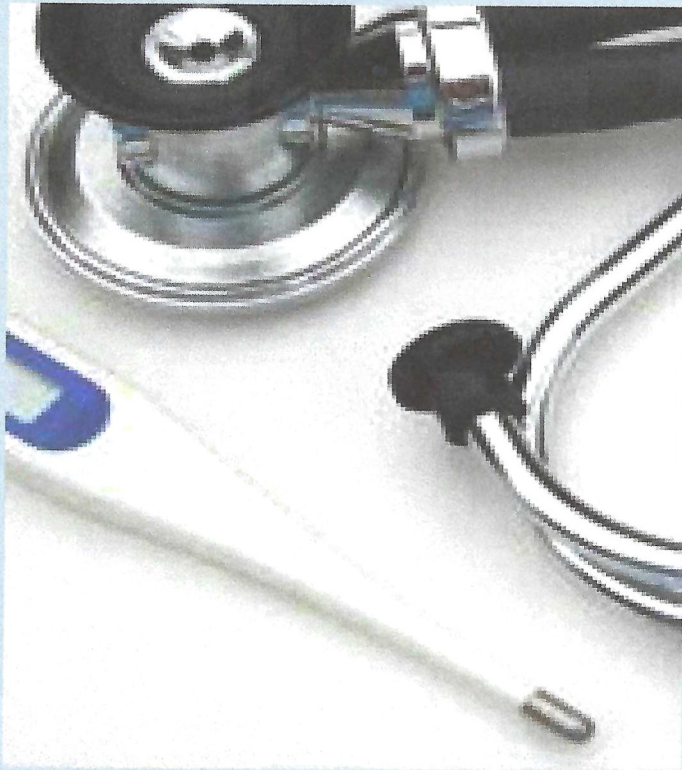


BASIC EXAM



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Take the time to gather vital information to relay to your veterinarian such as:



- Temperature
 - Heart rate
- Respiratory rate
- Mucous membrane color
 - Capillary refill time
 - Gut sounds
 - Skin tent
- Attitude and appetite



RECTAL TEMPERATURE



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Normal temperature for a horse is **99.5 to 101.5°** Fahrenheit (33.3 to 38.3° Clesius)





HEART RATE



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Normal resting heart rate is
28-44 bpm (beats per minute)



Transverse facial artery



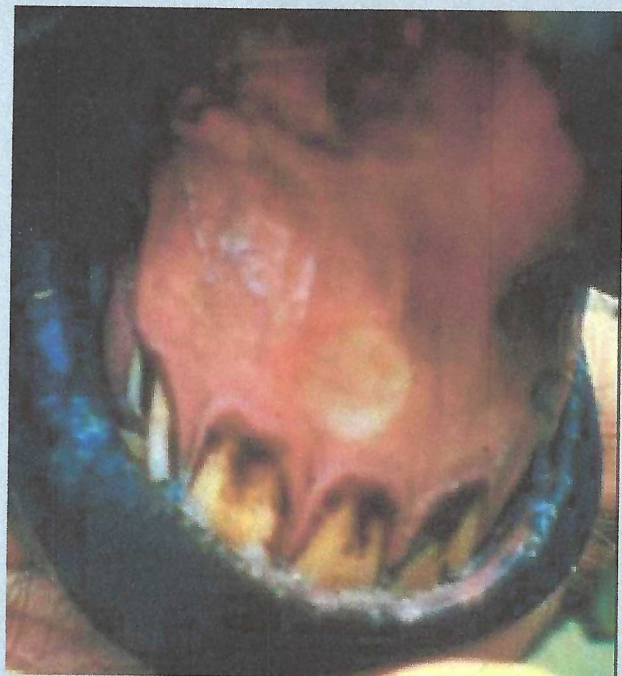
Left side of the chest



MUCOUS MEMBRANE COLOR & CAPILLARY REFILL TIME



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The color of the gums should be light pink and they should be moist to the touch

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CRT is < 2 seconds

Capillary Refill Time





STAY SAFE!



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Horses can be very dangerous when they are injured or panicked!

