



BASIC EQUINE EMERGENCY KIT



Vitals are vitally important!

✓ Respiratory:

8-16 breaths per minute

✓ Heart Rate:

28-48 beats per minute

✓ Temperature:

99.0-101.5

✓ Capillary Refill Time:

less than two seconds

✓ Digital Pulse:

absent, present, or bounding?

✓ Gums:

pink and moist, tacky, white, red? (Tacky, white or red is EMERGENCY.)

✓ Bloodflow from a wound:

drips = caution, stream or artery (bright red) = EMERGENCY. 6 liters is the safe zone for an average size horse.



- Thermometer
- One roll of cotton,
- 4x4 gauze pads (white and brown)
- Large nonstick Tefla pads
- Vetwrap
- 2 Diapers
- Cohesive wrap
- White tape
- Saline solution
- Stethoscope
- Hoof pick
- Sharp knife
- Tweezers
- Quick clot
- Sedative (dorm is best)
- Small Wire cutters
- Collapsible water bucket
- Rope halter and lead (rope as it will work on a larger number of horses)
- Syringes (3cc and 10cc) and needles
- Fly mask
- 16 oz of distilled water
- Good veterinary prescribed medicines to have on hand: banamine (paste or IV- NEVER GIVE IN MUSCLE!), bute, dex, dorm gel, ulcergard, bottle of 10 generic zyrtec (one day's dose for average horse), exceed or other antibiotic.

- Helmet (for humans)
- Syringes (3cc and 10cc) and needles
- Electrolyte paste
- Fly mask
- 16 oz of distilled water
- Weight tape with reverse side in inches
- Small white board and dry erase marker
- Sharpie
- Paracord or rope
- Vitals sheet
- Hard copy of emergency contact info for vet, farrier, and your emergency contacts

- Standing wrap or 4" ace bandage (doubles as tourniquet)
- Gorilla tape (actual brand name!)
- 6 pair of Disposable gloves
- Bandage/safety scissors
- Triple antibiotic ointment
- 4 Crush type instant cold packs
- Antimicrobial wound cleanser (Betadine or chlorhexidine solution)
- Small headlamp with spare batteries
- Sedative (dormosedan is best)
- Small Wire cutters
- Collapsible water bucket
- Copy of your Emergency Plan
- Copy of each horse's coggins
- Copy of your current feed chart and medication list for each horse

KEEP YOUR KIT ACCESSIBLE AND ORGANIZED. YOU DON'T WANT TO BE LOOKING FOR IT THE MOMENT YOU NEED IT.



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! What to communicate to your vet:

- Your name, phone number, address
- Your horse's name age and color "Chance, our 20 year old chestnut gelding"
- Vitals: TPR and Capillary Refill time in that order
- What you think might be the problem (colic? sick? injury? other?)
- Appearance/Affect:
 - "alert and normal but..." or other ("lethargic", "agitated", "distress" etc.)
 - Coordination: does horse appear neurological or unsteady on their feet?
- How long your horse has been symptomatic
- Any other concise, relevant information
 - Recently at a show, worked earlier in the day, etc...
- If you have to trailer into the clinic, if there is any concern for a horse being unsteady on their feet, colic, etc. remove dividers, take off the halter, and keep the horse loose.



BASIC HOOF CARE KIT

- Vetwrap (min: 5 rolls at all times)
- Hoof pick
- Gorilla tape
- Diapers or animalintex pads
- Sugar (in a sealed airtight container)
- Betadine
- Medical scissors
- Nippers
- Epsom salt
- Tomorrow (dry cow)
- Thrush medicine of your choice
- 1" foam paint brush
- 1" chip board paint brush
- Metal wire brush
- Blood stop powder/quick clot
- Hoof testers
- Soaking boot
- protective hoof boot-
we love Cloud Therapy boots with wedge pads
- Other additional optional treatment items that we have found work well for certain conditions:
 - Durasole
 - No Thrush! powder
 - Magic Cushion
 - Farrier's Formula hoof clay,
 - Kevlar (late summer: wet/dry daily conditions)
 - Keratex Hoof Hardner
 - White Lightning



Keep your hoof care kit in a sturdy 5 gallon bucket with a lid

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LIFT/LIFT ASSIST FOR EQUINES

A professional lift is often unaffordable for the everyday horse owner, but being able to lift a down horse is important. This is a "DIY" system that can help in an emergency. This is provided for information purposes only and does not constitute professional advice.



HORSES ARE PREY ANIMALS AND EVEN IN COMPROMISED STATES HAVE INCREDIBLE POWER IN UNPREDICTABLE MOVEMENTS. IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO GET YOUR VET INVOLVED IMMEDIATELY AND ENLIST THE HELP OF A TLA OR YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IS POSSIBLE. YOUR SAFETY ALWAYS COMES FIRST. THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND WEARING A HELMET WHENEVER ATTEMPTING TO LIFT/LIFT ASSIST A HORSE.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:

- ✓ Take vital signs and record on log to monitor progress. Temperature, pulse, respiratory rate, capillary refill time, and listen to all 4 GI quadrants if accessible.
- ✓ PHOTOGRAPH or VIDEO the area before doing any work: information in photos may be useful later for determining cause, time down, struggle, etc.
- ✓ Horses that have been down for longer than 45 minutes will often have nerve impingements that could cause limbs to go numb. Regaining circulation is critical to help reduce reactivity/reduce risk of injury

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ✓ 6, 6'x4" "Tree Saver" Straps
- ✓ 2, 15'x4" loop end tow straps
- ✓ Halter and lead that does not have a breakaway, ideally nylon with fleece.
- ✓ 12' and 20' lead ropes
- ✓ Equine Emergency kit
- ✓ Helmets (for people)
- ✓ Bucket with grain

IF USING A TRACTOR, IT IS CRITICAL TO ENSURE THAT THE STRAPS ARE SECURELY WRAPPED AROUND THE BUCKET OR FORKS, BUT EASILY ABLE TO DISASSEMBLE IF NEEDED. IF USING FORKS, ALWAYS KEEP FORKS PARALLEL TO THE GROUND.

IF HORSE IS LAYING FLAT, FLIP THEM EVERY 30 MINUTES TO REDUCE RISK OF NERVE IMPINGEMENTS. TRY TO GET THEM STERNAL AND USE HAY BALES OR BAGS OF SHAVINGS TO KEEP THEM UPRIGHT. DO NOT ENCOURAGE HORSE TO RISE UNTIL ENTIRE SUPPORT IS IN PLACE. HORSES THAT HAVE BEEN DOWN OFTEN HAVE ONE FINAL "PUSH" AND YOU NEED THEM TO GIVE EVERY EFFORT WHILE YOU ASSIST THEM AND NOT WASTE ENERGY PRIOR TO BEING READY TO ASSIST.

STRAP PLACEMENT:



NOTE: THIS IS NOT DESIGNED TO BE A "SLING" TO KEEP HORSES IN FOR EXTENDED PERIODS. IT IS ONLY TO AID A HORSE TO THEIR FEET. KEEPING A HORSE IN THIS RIG FOR EXTENDED PERIODS WILL CAUSE ISSUES WITH NERVE IMPINGEMENT AND MAY LEAD TO PERMANENT TISSUE DAMAGE.

If leaving straps on due to frequency of needing assistance, be sure loops are secured with an elastic "fuse" that allows some give when a horse lays down to expand, yet keeps strap tight enough so they don't accidentally hook a leg. Fuse needs to be thin enough to break away with little pressure if needed.

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