

VITAL SIGNS

IN HORSES



1 HEART RATE

28-44 Beats Per Minute (Depending on the Horse's Size)



2 RESPIRATION

10 - 24 Breaths Per Minute



3 TEMPERATURE

99.5°F - 101.3°F Normal



4 MUCOUS MEMBRANES

The Horse's Gums Should Be Moist And Healthy Pink



5 CAPILLARY REFILL TIME

Firmly Press Your Finger Against The Horse's Gums, The Point of Pressure Should Return To A Pink Color Within 1-2 Seconds.



6 INTESTINAL SOUNDS

Normal Gurgling, Gas-Like Growls, Tinkling Sounds and Occasional Roars are Normal. No Intestinal Sounds or Decreased Intestinal Sounds Can Be A Sign Of Colic.



7 DEHYDRATION

Horse's Drink a Minimum of 5.25 Gallons of Water / Day.

Horse's in Heavy Exercise or Hot Conditions Can Drink Up to 18.5 Gallons of Water / Day.

It Is Important To Know Your Horse's Vital Signs, As They Are Early Indications of Problems.
If The Horse Is Excited Or It's A Hot/Humid Day, Heart and Respiratory Rates Can Be Slightly Elevated.



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