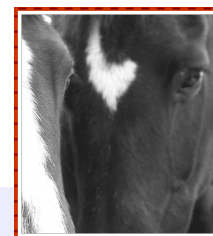


The vitals of **VITAL STATISTICS**

Do you know how to monitor and interpret your horse's vital signs? If you work around horses you should know the basics of how to check these important health indicators;

<u>SIGN</u>	<u>HOW TO CHECK</u>	<u>BASELINE</u>	<u>CALL US IF..</u>
TEMPERATURE	Stand beside the horse's hip, facing his tail. Lift his tail and insert a heavy duty, lubricated thermometer into his anus. Remove the thermometer after the recommended time and check the reading.	Between 99.5 and 101.3 degrees Fahrenheit	The horse's temperature exceeds 102 degrees Fahrenheit
PULSE / HEART RATE	Find the thick artery that runs underneath the jaw on either side of the face. Place three fingers on this and press inward and upward. Count each blood surge for 15 seconds and multiply the result by four.	28 - 40 beats per minute (BPM) while resting	The result is greater than 60 BPM in a resting horse or there is a weak or irregular beat
RESPIRATION RATE	Standing at the horse's shoulder, facing his rump, watch his belly where it meets his stifle. Count each belly expansion for one minute.	8 - 30 breaths per minute	There is labored or exaggerated rib movement with breathing, or shorted breaths in a resting horse
"GUT" SOUNDS	Standing at your horse's shoulder, again facing his rump, place your ear against his belly just behind his ribs. Repeat on his opposite side.	A multitude of gurgles, slurps, chirps and scrapings on both sides	There are weak, sporadic or non-existent gut sounds on both sides
CAPILLARY REFILL TIME	Apply pressure to a spot on the horse's gum, until it is blanched. Remove your finger and count the seconds it takes to regain normal color.	1 - 2 seconds Pale pink gums	The refill time is greater than 3 seconds. The gums are dark or any color than pale pink

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In order to keep improving and make our practice the very best that it can be, we would like your feedback. Please tell us how satisfied you are with our practice in the following areas;

Timeliness of arrival for appointments, amount of time available for the doctor to spend at each visit

- Very Satisfied
 Some what satisfied
 Not satisfied

Knowledge, helpfulness and friendliness of office staff

- Very Satisfied
 Some what satisfied
 Not satisfied

We welcome your comments...

The availability of our doctors— for appointments and call backs

- Very Satisfied
 Some what satisfied
 Not satisfied

Usefulness and relevance of our monthly newsletters / office correspondence

- Very Satisfied
 Some what satisfied
 Not satisfied



Name _____

Phone _____

Who is your Primary care veterinarian? _____

Please take a moment to complete this survey and return it to our office

We care for your equine friends.