

TRIANGLE EQUINE

MOBILE VETERINARY SERVICES

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Items to be included in a first aid kit for horses:

Paperwork: Current Coggins, important phone numbers, signed permission forms to allow for treatment of horse in absence of owner

Flashlight, extra batteries

Stethoscope

Digital Thermometer

Twitch with lip chain

Scissors

Towels

Latex gloves

Flushing syringe

Hoof pick, hoof knife, hoof testers

Nail pullers

Epsom salts

Soaking tub

Diapers

Duct tape

Surgical scrub preparation

Hydrogen peroxide

Triple antibiotic eye ointment (no Dexamethasone or prednisone)

Medications:

Electrolytes

Antiseptic ointment (Neosporin)

Phenylbutazone (bute)

Flunixin (generic Banamine)

Antiseptic solution (Betadine)

Bandage materials:

Sheet cotton

No-Bow bandages

Track bandages

Roll gauze

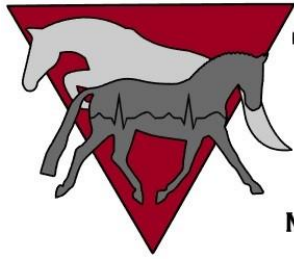
Adhesive tape

Roll cotton

Vet Wrap

Wound dressings

(gauze sponges, Telfa pads)



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Normal and abnormal (“red alert”) physical parameters for the horse

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Red Alert</u>
Demeanor	Bright, alert, responsive	Lethargic, recumbent, failure to nurse in foals
Rectal temp.	98.0 - 100.9°F (up to 101.9°F in foals)	>102°F
Heart rate	32 - 48 beats/min (60 - 80 beats/min in foals)	>60 beats/min
Respiratory rate	8 - 12 breaths/min (higher in foals)	Rapid and/or labored breathing
Mucous membrane	Pink and moist	Dark, purple, bright yellow, white
Capillary refill	<2 seconds	>3 seconds
Skin turgor	<2 seconds	Prolonged tenting
Digital pulses	Present	Bounding
Intestinal sounds	Present at both sides of abdomen	Absent
Urine color	Yellow, cloudy	Dark brown
Appetite	Enthusiastic	Absent

****turn over for emergency kit recommendations****