Vital Signs

Adult Horse

- Temperature: 99.5-101.5 F
- Heart Rate: 32-44 beats/min.
- Respiratory Rate: 6-16 breaths/min.
- Mucous Membrane Color: Pale Pink
- Capillary Refill Time: 1-2 seconds
- Gut Sounds: Always Present

Foals

- Temperature: Increases the first four days, then plateaus at 100-102 F
- Heart Rate: 60-110 beats/min.
- Respiratory: 25-60 breaths/min.

First Aid Kit

- Stethoscope
- Scissors
- 4 X 4 gauze
- Vet Wrap
- Ophthalmic Ointment
- 6" gauze roll
- Betadine Scrub/Solution
- Sheet or Roll Cotton
- Thermometer
- Elastikon tape
- Duct tape
- Flash light
- Medication (if possible): Tribrissen Tabs (SMZ), Phenylbutazone or Banamine

Basic First Aid

Lacerations:

- Control Hemorrhage-bandage or direct pressure
- Clean contaminated wound with clear water/antiseptic soap
- Control swelling- bandage
- Attention to punctures

Colic:

- Mild to Moderate pain- obtain vital signs then call for assistance/advice
- No food- Walk 10-15 min./Rest 30 min.
- Severe or Unrelenting Pain- Call NOW

Eye Problem:

- Clean/Flush with eye wash
- Cold compress if swollen
- Antibiotic ophthalmic ointment
- Call for assistance/advice