



## **Basic Examination for Adult Horses**

### Normal Vitals:

- Temperature 99-101
- Pulse 28-44
- Respiration 12-24
- Gums-pink and moist with capillary refill time of <2 seconds
- Gut sounds- low, soft noises in all quadrants

### Appearance:

- Bright, alert, responsive to stimuli
- No discharge from eyes or nose. Eyes are bright and held open fully
- Weight bearing on all 4 limbs. Resting hind legs is ok, not normal to rest front legs
- Passing 8-16 piles of manure a day-manure is moist and has formed fecal balls

### Legs:

- Check for swelling/sensitivity in any areas
- Check for cuts/scrapes
- Check digital pulses
- External hoof temperature
- Pick out feet daily-check for thrush, foreign bodies, soreness, bruising

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