



Basic Examination for Adult Horses

Normal Vitals:

Temperature: 99-101 degrees Fahrenheit

Pulse: 28-44 beats per minute

Respiration 12-24 breaths per minute

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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