



JANSSEN VETERINARY CLINIC

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Equine First Aid Chart

NORMAL EQUINE VITAL SIGNS

- **Temperature** 99.5 to 101.5
- **Pulse** 30 to 50 beats per minute
- **Respiration Rate** 10 to 25 breaths per minute
- **Mucous Membrane Color** Pink & moist
- **Capillary Refill Time** Less than 3 seconds
- **Gut Sounds** Present in flanks & abdomen
- **Hydration Status** Skin should be pliable/elastic

COLIC:

- Baking Soda (4-5 tablespoons) in water
- Walk (10-15 minutes then rest)
- Offer hay to eat
- Evaluate vital signs

EYE WOUNDS:

- DON'T apply medication without Veterinarian approval
- DON'T remove lacerated tissues
- Flush with saline/eye wash
- Apply cold compress

WOUNDS:

- Do not panic
- Clean and inspect
- Apply cold water therapy
- Apply pressure bandages

TYING UP / MUSCLE CRAMPING:

- DO NOT walk or move the horse
- Call DVM

CHOKE:

- Do not panic
- Most will resolve
- Try getting horse to relax

GRAIN OVERLOAD:

- Call DVM
- Treatment is always indicated

FRACTURES:

- Keep horse quiet
- Apply splint
- Call DVM