

Horse Health Checklist

	Normal	Abnormal	Serious Problem
General Attitude	Bright, alert, responsive	Quiet, alert, responsive	Depressed, unresponsive, painful, distressed, panicked
Temperature	37.5 – 38.5 °C	> 38.5 °C	> 40.5 °C
Heart Rate (beats per minute)	25 – 40 bpm	40 – 60 bpm	> 60 bpm
Respiratory Rate (breaths per minute)	8 – 20 bpm	> 25 bpm	Laboured breathing Wheezing Grunting Groaning Coughing
Mucous membranes	Pink Shiny Moist	Pale Dry Tacky	White Purple Jaundiced Brick red
Capillary Refill Time	< 2 sec	2 -3 sec	> 4 sec
Gut sounds (all 4 quadrants)	Gurgling every 15-20 seconds	Increased Decreased	ABSENT

When did the problem start?

Has the horse gotten better or worse?

Has the horse been given any medications? _____

What and how much? _____

When? _____

How? _____