



EAGLE FERN EQUINE HOSPITAL

Emergency Horse Care



**Emergency services
available 24/7
503.630.4558**

NORMAL PARAMETERS

	Temperature	Heart Rate	Respiratory Rate
Adult Horse	98°F - 101.5°F	33 - 44 beats/min.	8 - 16 breaths/min.
Newborn Foal	99°F - 102°F	60 - 100 beats/min.	20 - 40 breaths/min.



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In case of emergency, it is important to remain calm and assess your horse's condition prior to calling the vet. Safety first, don't get hurt but the more information that you can give your veterinarian, the better prepared they will be to help you in an emergency situation.

Sudden Lameness

Signs: Will not bear weight on limb, reluctant to move, and sometimes limb swelling.

What to do: Bandage if limb is swollen, keep horse confined, do not give any medications unless instructed by veterinarian.



Choke

Signs: Feed material and saliva discharge from nostrils, coughing, retching, extending the neck.

What to do: Take away any remaining feed and try to keep horse quiet.

Lacerations ▶

Signs: Wounds causing lameness or near a joint or tendon may affect important structures and future soundness

What to do: Bandage to keep clean, keep horse quiet, apply pressure bandage if bleeding.



◀ Eye injuries

Signs: Squinting, tearing, eye lid swelling, cloudy appearance, eyelid lacerations.

What to do: Keep horse away from sunlight, apply cold water compress, eye wash.

Colic ▶

Signs: Not interested in feed, pawing, rolling, kicking at abdomen, stretching out, curling upper lip, looking at the belly, etc.

What to do: Remove any feed and hand walk to prevent from injury.



Allergic Reactions

Signs: Hives, facial swelling, respiratory noise or distress.

What to do: Try to keep the horse quiet, cold water bath to decrease inflammation.