

What constitutes an emergency?

Emergency coverage for our clients and their horses is of utmost importance to our practice. However, it may not be obvious to the owner what actually constitutes an emergency. If there is any doubt do not hesitate to call us. The following is a list of the more common emergencies that we see.

1. Colic or abdominal pain-signs can range from lack of appetite, pawing, rolling, stretching out, and lying down.
2. Lacerations-small lacerations that are kept clean and bandaged can sometimes wait until the next morning for repair but in general most should be seen on an emergency basis for the best chance of a successful repair.
3. Acute onset non-weight bearing lameness's.
4. Eye problems-always considered emergencies.

Emergency/First Aid Kit

1. Antiseptic ointment
2. 4" coflex or vet wrap
3. Tourniquet
4. Saline solution
5. First Aid book-horses
6. Betadine prep pads
7. Sterile gauze pads
8. Thermometer-mercury or digital
9. Surgical scrub brushes
10. 3-ply towels
11. Scissors
12. Syringe
13. Hydrogen peroxide
14. Vinyl gloves
15. Alcohol prep pads
16. Watch
17. Flash light
18. Gauze roll
19. Leg cottons
20. Duct tape
21. Veterinarian phone number 530-365-3685
22. Pen and paper
23. +/- drugs to be discussed with veterinarian (phenylbutazone, antibiotics, tranquilizers)

Know your horses normal parameters:

Temperature 99.5-100.5 taken rectally.

Pulse 28-40 beats per minute taken under angle jaw or with stethoscope

Respiration 8-20 per minute look at chest excursions

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