

# Equine Vital Signs

## Know What's Normal

It's important to take these vital signs when horses are healthy to help you identify when signs become abnormal. Your veterinarian can help to show you how it's done.

RECTAL TEMPERATURE

**99.5 to 101.5**

DEGREES FAHRENHEIT

RESTING HEART RATE

**28 to 44**

BEATS PER MINUTE

RESPIRATORY RATE

**10 to 24**

BREATHS PER MINUTE

CAPILLARY REFILL TIME

**1 to 2 seconds**

FOR GUM COLOR TO RETURN TO PINK  
AFTER PRESSING/RELEASING MUCOUS  
MEMBRANES WITH THUMB

If your horse's vital signs are outside of these ranges, call your veterinarian immediately. Your veterinarian may run Stablelab® to help detect infection and monitor response to treatment.

**HORSE NAME**

Name:

Phone:

**HORSE OWNER**

Name:

Phone:

**VETERINARIAN**

Name:

Office phone:

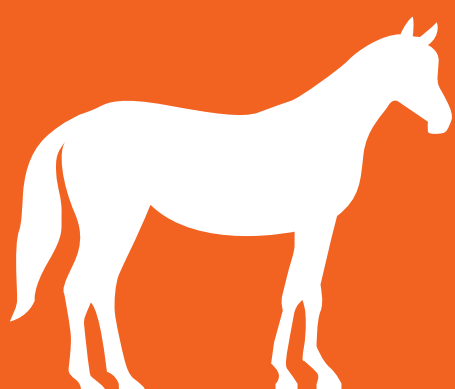
Cell phone:

**FARRIER**

Name:

Phone:

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