

# EQUINE VITAL SIGNS

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## MUCOUS MEMBRANES

moist, pink

### CALL YOUR VET IF:

tacky, white, red, or blue/purple

## CAPILLARY REFILL TIME

<2 seconds

### CALL YOUR VET IF:

> 3 seconds

## TEMPERATURE

99-100°F

(37.2 - 38.3°C)

### CALL YOUR VET IF:

>102°F (38.8°C)

## HEART RATE

28 -44 (bpm)

### CALL YOUR VET IF:

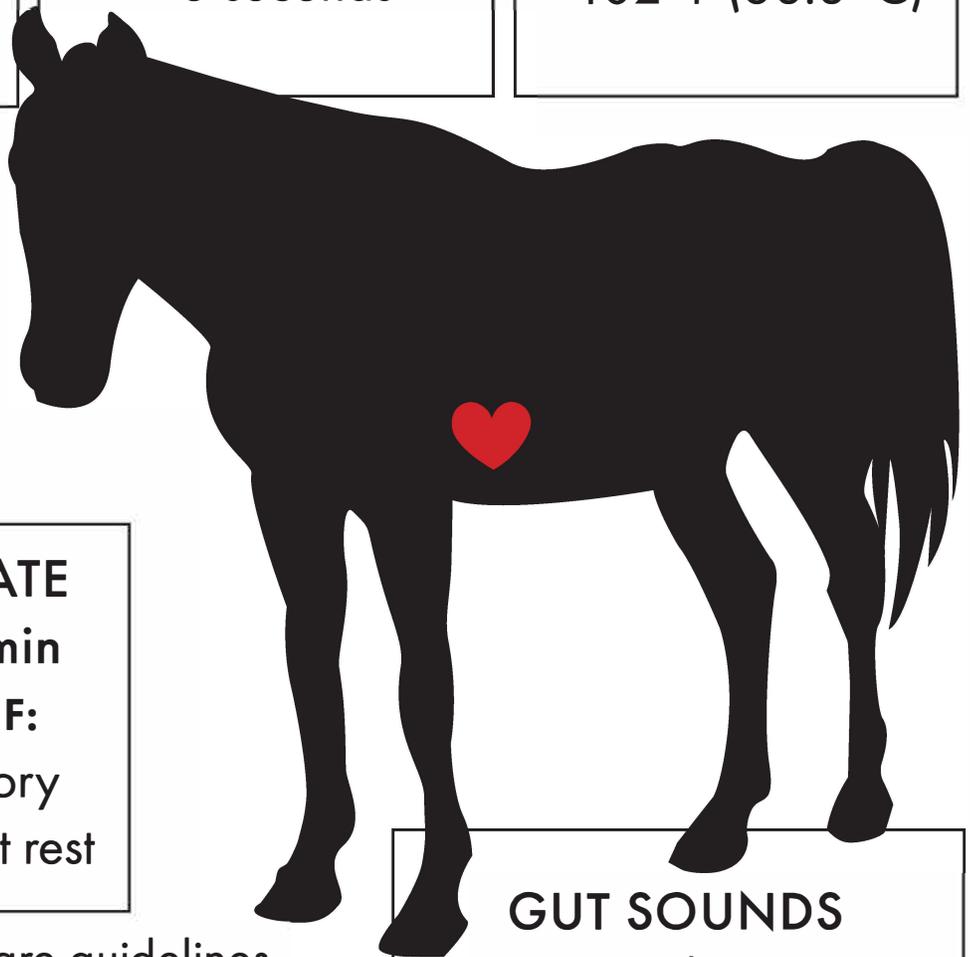
> 48 bpm at rest  
(if not stressed)

## RESPIRATORY RATE

10-24 breaths/min

### CALL YOUR VET IF:

increased respiratory effort or >28 bpm at rest



## GUT SOUNDS

gurgling

(at least one sound/min)

### CALL YOUR VET IF:

no gut sounds

**NOTE:** These values are guidelines. Always take into account the other variables that may be affecting your horse's health and call your vet if you are concerned about your horse's comfort level.

Knowing the normal values for your horse's vital signs can help you and your veterinarian respond quickly when your horse is sick. Keep in mind that values may vary with extreme weather temperatures, strenuous exercise and stress.