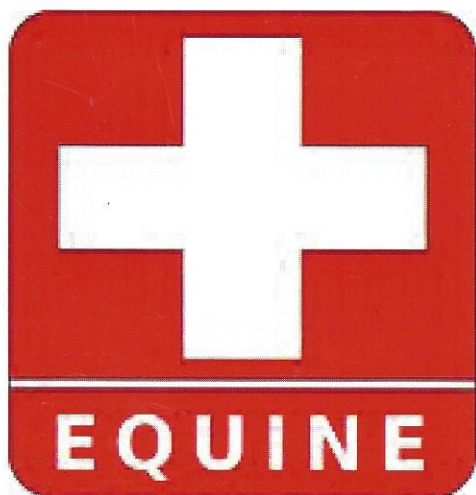


Kopec Veterinary Associates

Equine First Aid



What to do when a problem arises

www.kvaequine.com



Normal Vital Parameters

Heart Rate (HR): 28-48 beats/min

Respiratory Rate (RR): 8-24 breaths/min

Temperature: 99.5-101.5°F

Attitude: Bright? Quiet? Dull?

Appetite: Normal? Picky?

Water Intake: ~7 gallons/1000# horse/24 hours

Manure Output: 5-10 piles of fully formed manure/24 hours

Most Commonly Encountered Emergencies

- **Colic**
 - Not eating, flank watching, rolling, pawing, stretching out, urinating frequently, lip flipping
- **Eye Ulcers**
 - Ocular discharge, squinting, tearing, cloudy eye, reddening of conjunctiva
- **Laminitis ("founder")**
 - Lameness, stiff, laying down more frequently, rocking back on heels
- **Choke**
 - Feed material coming from nose, coughing, outstretched neck, acting distressed
- **Hoof Abscesses**
 - Non-weightbearing lameness, heat in the foot, softening of the coronary band
- **Wounds**

Principles of First Aid

1. Secure the horse (in the barn or stall) so that it can easily be worked on
2. Stop bleeding—compression: towels, vet wrap, etc
3. Assess vitals
4. Stop swelling—apply ice or cold

**IF colic signs, keep the horse up and walking until doctor arrives

Do **NOT administer any medicine or treatments orally unless instructed by a veterinarian



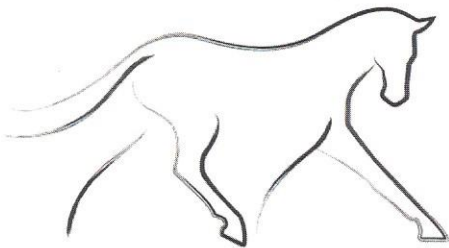
Your First Aid Kit

- Veterinarian's Contact Info
- Disposable Gloves
- Stethoscope
- Digital Thermometer
- Flashlight
- Bandage Scissors
- Betadine scrub and solution
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Silver Sulfadiazene Cream
- Vet Wrap
- Brown Gauze
- Elastikon
- Gamgee
- Telfa pads (non-stick pads)
- Gauze squares and rolls
- Animalintex Pads
- Diapers
- Magna Poultice
- Gorilla/Duct Tape
- Banamine and/or Bute

Best Places to Store Your Kit

- Tack Room
- Feed Room
- Trailer

Kits available through KVA!



KOPEC VETERINARY
ASSOCIATES, P.C.

**"We are committed to
fostering an innovative health
care partnership with you and
your horse"**



55 Prospect Rd
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(717) 361-8700