

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

PHILLIPS EQUINE CLINIC

24-HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

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Basic First Aid

Lacerations:

- control hemorrhage with bandage or direct pressure
- clean contaminated wounds with clean water, antiseptic soap
- control swelling – bandage
- attention to punctures by flushing with antiseptic solution (weak betadine) inform veterinarian
- tetanus booster if has not had one in past 6 months

Colic:

- mild to moderate pain obtain vital signs then call for assistance/advice
- no food! Walk 10-15 minutes, rest 30 minutes (repeat)
- severe or unrelenting pain – call NOW!

Parturition:

Stage II (starts when mare's water breaks) 10-30 minutes and making progress, foal in "diving" position with staggered front legs, then head, if mal-positioned or no progress call for assistance immediately

1,2,3 rule : Foal should be standing within 1 hour of being born, nursing within 2 hours, mare should pass placenta within 3 hours. Don't waste time with babies or post-partum mares – time is of the essence!!!

First Aid Kit

Stethoscope	Thermometer
Scissors	Wire cutters
4 x 4 gauze	6" gauze roll
Vet Wrap	Elastikon tape
Flash Light	Telfa pads
Ophthalmic Ointment	Duct tape
Epsom salt	Plastic Bucket
Triple antibiotic ointment (Neosporin)	
Antiseptic soap (betadine scrub)	
Clean cotton leg quilt, or cotton roll	
Antibiotic – SMZ-TMZ	
Anti-inflammatory/pain relief	
Phenylbutazone or Banamine	

It is always better to call when and if you have a concern so that you and your veterinarian can assess the situation together. As I like to tell my clients, I give my cell phone number out to my clients so that they won't hesitate to call me when they have a concern. I would personally talk to a client too soon rather than too late.

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