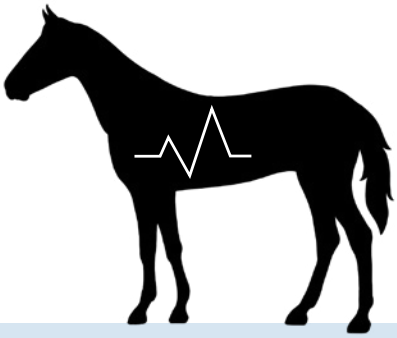
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I. Healthcare for Florida Horses

Healthy Horse Vital Signs

Knowing your horse's normal vital signs during times of health is important for detecting signs of an underlying health problem. Check your horse's vitals and compare to the normal ranges provided below.



	Adult	Newborn
Temperature	99-101°F (37.2-38.3°C)	99.5-102.1°F (37.5-38.9°C)
Pulse (Heart Rate)	28-44 beats per minute	80-100 beats per minute
Respiration	12-24 breaths per minute	20-40 breaths per minute
Mucous Membranes	Moist, healthy pink color	
Capillary Refill Time	Two seconds or less	
Gut Sounds	Gurgling, gas-like growls, "tinkling" sounds (fluid), and occasional "roars"	

*Table adopted from The Horse.

References:
Normal Horse Vital Signs and Health Indicators
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