

COLIC - IT KILLS HORSES !!!

SIGNS of COLIC

1. Will not eat , or just picks at food....
2. Mild depression , acts a little sad....
3. May lay down , or not get up when approached....
4. Looking back at side , behaves like something is on their sides....
5. Pawing , stomping ground....
6. Biting at side , acting upset....
7. Kicking at belly , shaking off "flies"
8. Stretching out as if to urinate , yet does not....
9. Playing in water bucket or tank , yet not drinking....
10. Rolling , can be aggressive and violent....
11. Sweating , heated up for no apparent reason....
12. Bloating , stomach extended out and is hard....
13. Rising heart rate and respiratory rate , acting "winded"....

PARAMETERS to MONITOR

1. Temperature (normal range) = 99' to 101'....
2. Heart Rate (normal range) = 32 to 44 per minute....
3. Respiratory Rate (normal range) 12 to 14 per minute....
4. Gum Color (normal is "PINK") 2 to 3 seconds to return after pressure release....
5. Gut Sounds (normal) "gurgling and bubbling" every 2 to 3 minutes both sides....

SOME DO'S and SOME DONT'S of COLIC

1. "CALL YOUR VETERINARIAN" !!!! The Horse Doctor can talk to you about the signs and symptoms that you are seeing in your horse. Make a decision as how to proceed.

2. Take away all grain , feed , hay , grass , all access to any type of eating !!
3. Walking the horse around with a lead rope is fine , try not to let the horse "roll". Do not "ride" the horse , walk no more than 30 minutes. This type of exercise is to help stimulate a "bowl movement".(there may be a release of gas) need "movement"..
4. "Rolling" in severe colic cases causes the intestines to become twisted ! "NO ROLLING"
5. Do not give the horse any type of drugs or medication without consulting a veterinarian first. Some types of drugs or sedatives can lower blood pressure , which can lead to shock or death. If the horse requires surgery, any type of drugs given to the horse may "delay" or "complicate" the saving of the horses life with surgery..

***** PLEASE REMEMBER THAT "COLIC" CAN BE VERY SERIOUS!! IT IS BETTER TO CALL YOUR VETERINARIAN AND NOT NEED HIS HELP THAN TO NOT CALL AND LOSE THE HORSE!!!!!!! *****

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