

## Guided Notes: Recognizing the Healthy Horse

### EXAMINATION:

- First Observation: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Content horses generally display a certain degree of \_\_\_\_\_ and are \_\_\_\_\_.

### VITAL SIGNS:

#### Temperature

- Average Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (May Vary)
- Foals Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (Typically slightly higher than the average adult horse)
- Factors that can cause variations include:
  - Time of day
  - Sex
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Age
  - Ambient Temperature
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

#### Pulse & Respiration Rate

- Horses breathe through their \_\_\_\_\_
- Variation factors are the same as temperature
- Normal Pulse Rate for a Resting Horse
  - \_\_\_\_\_ beats/min
- Normal Respiration Rate = \_\_\_\_\_ breaths/min
- How does fitness effect these rates?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- Respiration rate should always be \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_

#### Capillary Refill Time

- Determines \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- How do we determine?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Area should \_\_\_\_\_
    - Return to normal color in \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mucous Membranes

- Includes: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Membranes should be: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Unusual odors = sign that something is off or there is an inbalance

#### Skin Pliability Test

- Checks \_\_\_\_\_
- Perform is CRT exceeds \_\_\_\_\_ seconds
- To accomplish:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER PARAMETERS:**

Feces

- Health status reflected in \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- Normally depends on \_\_\_\_\_
- Loose bowels may indicate
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- In 24 hours, an adult horse will produce:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ lbs/day
  - Occurs \_\_\_\_\_ times/day
- Bloods is an indication of \_\_\_\_\_

Urine

- Normal is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Can be reddish-yellow and still be normal
- Frequency = \_\_\_\_\_ / 24hour period
- Amount varies from 4 to 7 quarts
- Mares may produce very thick, oily urine while is estrus

Tears

- Important Function for the Healthy Eye:
  - Maintained by the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Distributes the tears on the inner surface of the eyeball
  - Collected in the \_\_\_\_\_ & directed to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Obstruction of passage will cause tears to spill over

Sweat

- Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- Unhealthy conditions:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Anhydrosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Body Condition Score

- Scale 1-9
- 1 =
- 9 =

Movement

- Should be in a \_\_\_\_\_ manner
- Lameness: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sound: \_\_\_\_\_
- Lameness measured through Grades 1 – 4

Additional Factors

- Hair Coat: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hoof Condition: \_\_\_\_\_
- Feeding Habits: \_\_\_\_\_
- Behavior: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Abnormal Behavior: Stall walking, weaving, and \_\_\_\_\_