

Issue: How to care for your horses health

We all know how important it is to always check your horses before taking them on a road trip. But, over the years, numerous cases of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) have spread from activities like rodeos and horse shows. According to horsesidevet-guide.com, VS is generally a summer-time problem. Colder weather in fall and early winter usually ends an outbreak. VS is just one of the many health problems that could go wrong with your horse. Clean water, food, and living environments are major components to a horses health. Having your horse looked at by a veterinarian regularly, is also a good idea. That way your horse can have a scheduled deworming, as well as having your horses hooves trimmed by a horseshoer. With biosecurity, regular check-ups, and a healthy lifestyle for your horses, can make all the difference in their lives. By remembering to check both sides of the body for swelling or irregularities, the mouth, eyes, legs, and hooves you are not only doing yourself a favor, but you're saving your horses life. So ALWAYS remember...



“Look Before You Load!”

Example form used by the New Mexico Livestock Board for Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Courtesy of the New Mexico Livestock Board.

Example of Hauling Papers Courtesy of New Mexico Livestock Board

“KNOW” How To Keep Your Horses

Safe:

Kee a first aid kit, and good records of immunizations, check-ups, and deworming. Also, always keep your horse's hauling papers and certificate of inspection in a safe place.

Notice normal behavior, habits, and appearances of your horse so you can tell when something is not right.

Obvius things to remember : Hoof care, teeth floating, and diet along with exercise are among the most important.

Wounds should always be gently cleaned and carefully inspected incase a veterinarian is needed.