

When to call the vet - Exercise

Read the scenarios below and decide whether to call the vet, ignore the problem, tell the yard manager or monitor the horse.

1. A wound that is bleeding - the blood is dark in colour and trickling down the leg
2. A puncture wound to the knee joint
3. A graze to the horse's nose
4. A leg wound that is spurting bright red blood
5. A horse is rolling a lot, looking at its belly and sweating, the horse has been doing this for over 30 minutes
6. Horse temperature is 40'c
7. Horse Respiration rate is 20 breaths per minute
8. Horse's respiration is shallow
9. Horses pulse rate is over 65 beats per minute at rest in the stable
10. Horse has thick nasal discharge down both nostrils
11. Horse cannot put weight on a limb
12. Horse has clear discharge down one nostril
13. Horse is struggling to breath
14. Horse is not eating or drinking
15. Horse has not passed any droppings
16. Horse has blood in urine
17. The horse has become anti-social to other horses in the field
18. The horse has started bucking when being ridden
19. The horse has lost a little bit of weight
20. The horse has a swelling on its withers, and it is painful to the touch