




# Your Horse's Vital Signs

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vital Signs are measurements of health, both in horses and people. There are 3 that are very important: **T.P.R.**

1. **T**emperature  What is this? The degree of \_\_\_\_\_ inside the horse's body
2. **P**ulse  What is this? How fast the \_\_\_\_\_ is beating.
3. **R**espiration Rate  What is this? How fast the horse is \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHY should you know your horse's vital signs?

Shows if your horse is \_\_\_\_\_

If not normal, your horse may be \_\_\_\_\_

## What to do for your horse:

1) Know what is \_\_\_\_\_ for your horse



2) Take \_\_\_\_\_ readings when you know your horse is healthy.

a) Take one reading at \_\_\_\_\_



b) Take another after \_\_\_\_\_

3) Write it down in your \_\_\_\_\_ and on the horse's \_\_\_\_\_ card.



4) Take his TPR (vital Signs) if you think he is \_\_\_\_\_ Be prepared to tell the Vet.



**D2: Know what TPR stands for.**

**D3: Describe the normal range of vital signs (TPR) of a mount at rest.**

# Temperature



What is a normal equine temperature? \_\_\_\_\_

When is it lowest? \_\_\_\_\_

When is it higher? \_\_\_\_\_

In what area of the horse is the temp taken? \_\_\_\_\_



What equipment is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you need a special thermometer? \_\_\_\_\_



# Pulse



What is a normal equine pulse rate? \_\_\_\_\_

In what area of the horse can the pulse be found easily? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the formula for figuring the pulse rate? \_\_\_\_\_



# Respiration Rate



What is a normal equine respiration rate? \_\_\_\_\_

In what area of the horse can you count the respiration rate? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the formula for figuring the respiration rate? \_\_\_\_\_



