

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HORSE'S VITAL SIGNS?

RESPIRATION
between
8 and **16** breaths/
minute

The normal respiration rate for a resting adult horse is between 8 and 16 breaths/minute, and can reach 45 after strenuous

HEART RATE
around
40 beats/
minute

The resting heart rate should be around 40 beats/minute (may vary between 28 and 55 beats/minute according to breed).

HYDRATION
20 to **70** litres
per day

Average daily water consumption varies between 20 and 70 litres per day. For every kilogram of hay consumed, a horse requires 2.5 to 3.5 litres of water. (60 mL X weight of horse (kg) = QTY of water required for 24 hours)

TEMPERATURE
between
37.5 and **38.5°C**

The normal body temperature for a resting adult horse is between 37.5°C and 38.5°C (99.5°F and 101.4°F).

GUT SOUNDS
within
30 to **60** seconds

Gut sounds (gurgling noises in the intestinal tract) should be heard within 30 to 60 seconds.

GUM COLOR
- pink -

Mucous membranes should be pink, not brick red or white.

