

# Assessing Equine Vital Signs

1. **HEART RATE: 38-44 BEATS PER MINUTE**
2. **RECTAL TEMP. 99-101 F (37.2-38.3 C)**
3. **RESPIRATORY RATE (Breathing Rate) 12-20 BREATHS PER MINUTE**
4. **GUMS SHOULD BE LIGHT PINK & MOIST WITH A CAPILLARY REFILL TIME OF 2 SECONDS.**
5. **SOUNDS OF THE INTESTINES SHOULD BE HEARD ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ABDOMEN**
6. **6-10 MANURES & 3-4 URINATIONS SHOULD BE PASSED EVERY 24 HOURS.**



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