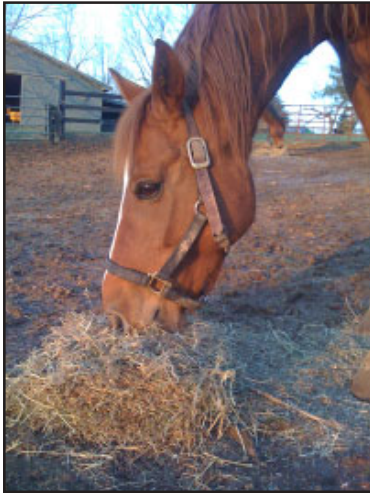


# FUN & FAST FACTS ABOUT HORSE CARE

## FOOD



Horses are grazers and the basis for all horse diets should be hay or pasture.

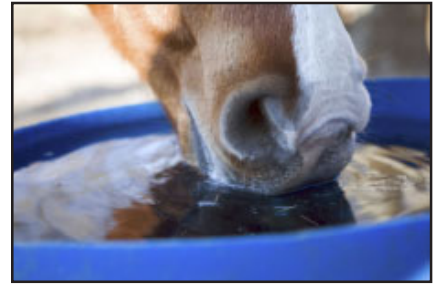
Horses should eat at least 1 to 1-1/2 percent of their body weight in forage (grass or hay) per day.

A 1,000 pound horse should eat 10 to 15 pounds or more of hay or grass per day.



Horses that are unable to meet their nutritional requirements by eating forage alone should be supplemented with concentrates.

## DRINK



Water is the most essential nutrient for horses. The average horse drinks 5 to 12 gallons of water a day.

Horses should be offered clean water and be allowed to drink until they are full at least twice a day.

It is best to allow a horse to have free-choice access to water.

## LIVING AREA



Horses can live in a pasture or a stable, or a combination of both.

Pastures are ideal, as they allow the horse to move around often, and they are often more cost efficient.

Exercise is important for the horse's mind as well as their body.

Horses are very social animals and daily turnout with other horses is good for them.



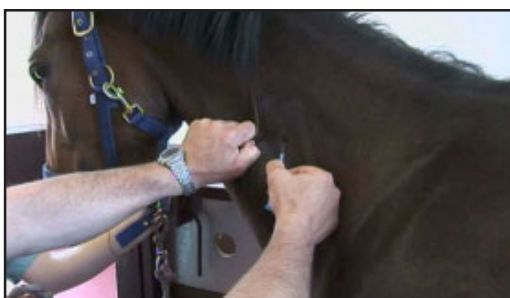
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# FUN & FAST FACTS ABOUT HORSE HEALTH CARE

Horses, like people, need regular preventative care to stay as healthy as possible. They should be checked every day for any injuries or sickness that might need a veterinarian's attention. Normal care for a horse's health includes the following:

## ANNUAL VACCINATIONS



Recommended annual vaccinations include: Eastern & Western Encephalomyelitis, West Nile Virus, Tetanus, any Rabies. Other vaccines may be appropriate, depending on the horse and the location.

## DENTAL EXAMINATION



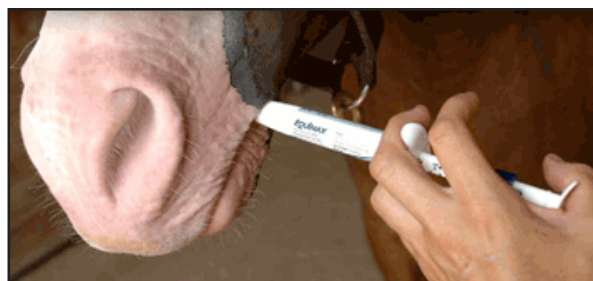
Horses can develop problems with their teeth that can cause pain and lead to poor performance. It is important to have their teeth checked at least once a year.

## HOOF CARE



Horse's hooves should be maintained so that they can stand and move at all gaits comfortably and with a full range of motion. This requires care every 6 to 10 weeks.

## DE-WORMING



Horses should be de-wormed every 2 to 6 months or as directed by a veterinarian.

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