



Colic

In a study at Texas A&M University, the following factors were found to be risk factors for causing colic in horses:

- Feed changes (especially hay)
- Change in stabling
- Irregular deworming program
- Weather changes
- History of previous colic
- Arabian horses

Signs of colic include:

- Off feed
- Pawing
- Kicking at belly
- Looking at side
- Laying down
- Bloating
- Constipation

Physical examination findings:

- Temperature (normal 99-101°F)
- Pulse rate (normal 36-48bpm)
- Mucous membrane color, moistness
- Capillary refill time
- Digital pulse intensity
- Gut sound

Call us if you think your horse has colic to discuss your exam findings and formulate a plan. Do not administer medications without consulting us first.