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## **Equine Emergency Information**

In an unexpected emergency or life threatening situation involving your horse, we make every effort possible to reach you. In the event you cannot be contacted, we recommend you have a plan (Advanced Directive) in place designating someone who will be available and can make medical, financial, and possibly euthanasia decisions on your behalf. Listed below are some recommendations to consider when creating an Advance Directive for your horse. It is important to discuss your requests with your emergency contact, veterinarian and barn manager, and to provide them with a copy of your Advanced Directive once completed.

- Owner name, primary address, and contact information including phone numbers and email.
- Emergency contact information of someone who can make medical and financial decisions for you and your horse.
- Each horse's name, age, breed, sex, color and physical description.
- Veterinarian's name and phone number. Back-up veterinarian information if applicable.
- Insurance company name, policy number, agent contact info, and type of policy. (Major Medical, Mortality, SmartPak ColiCare)
- Clearly state intentions for horse should it become injured or ill and you are unable to be reached.
- Financial limit for treatment.
- If applicable, include permission to refer horse to Equine Surgical/ Medical Hospital if deemed necessary by primary veterinarian (referral costs usually start at \$5,000).
- Do you have a preferred referral hospital?
- Shipper info for transport to referral hospital.
- Is the horse a candidate for colic surgery? (Cost usually starts at \$12,000).
- Do you designate your emergency contact and/or your veterinarian as agents to authorize humane euthanasia in the event that you are unreachable and your horse is suffering inhumanely?
- In the event your horse is euthanized, what arrangements should be made? Private cremation (\$1600 +) or removal (\$375+)
- Indicate if you wish to keep a memento such as a shoe or piece of mane or tail.

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