

Swiftsure Equine Veterinary Services

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Emergency Veterinary Care Instructions in Horse Owner's Absence

I, _____, consent to the following procedures and care for my horse, _____, (horse's name) in the event that I am unreachable by phone in an emergency situation involving my horse. In the event I cannot be contacted I authorize veterinary care up to \$_____

The veterinary services may include the following:

- Referral for colic surgery
- Hospitalization and medical care
- Hospitalization and surgery **excluding** colic surgery
- On farm medical care and surgery

The following is my contact information: _____

If I am not able to be contacted I give permission to _____ to make decisions on my behalf regarding my horse's emergency veterinary care. The following is their contact information: _____

Yes / No My horse is insured for Morbidity/Mortality with the following insurance company:

Policy Number: _____

If I cannot be contacted and immediate euthanasia is required due to the pain and suffering of the horse, which cannot be controlled adequately, as determined by the attending veterinarian, I give permission to _____ to authorize euthanasia of my horse. Their contact information is as follows: _____

Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____

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How to Prepare for the Unexpected

It is best to prepare your emergency contact with how you would like to handle various situations. For example:

- ❖ If your horse needs IV fluids and required hospitalization
- ❖ If your horse cut itself and infected a joint and requires surgery
- ❖ If your horse is having seizures
- ❖ If your horse ruptures his/her eye and requires surgical eye removal
- ❖ If your horse develops pneumonia and requires costly and long term antibiotics and medical care
- ❖ In the event where you are unreachable for an extended period of time here are other urgent, but non-emergency situations to consider:
 - ❖ If your horse fractures a tooth and requires surgical extraction
 - ❖ Provide your emergency contact with information regarding any drug allergies, vaccine reactions, sedation sensitivity that Swiftsure Equine Veterinary Services may not be aware of.
 - ❖ Provide your emergency contact with information if your horse has an aversion to intermuscular injection or oral