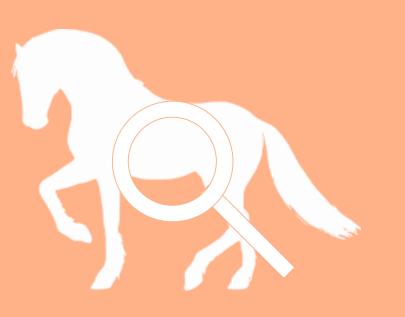


## Emergency cards Fever





## Fever Symptoms

- Core body temperature increase by <37.4°F. More than that indicates hyperthermia and not a fever.
- Sweating and sometimes cramping if the fever exceeds 107.6°F (in young individuals mainly)
- Low appetite
- Lethargic and lack of social behavior
- Cardio-vascular complications in cases of ongoing, high fever
- Loss of muscle due to increased katabolism and metabolism caused by the fever





## Fever Measures

- Call the vet to find and treat the cause
- Box rest
- Offer fresh water and feed as the fever increases the need for energy due to the increased metabolic state
- If necessary, cover the horse with a thin rug (Sweat rug in cold weather)
- Seperate the horse from the herd
- Take notes onset of symptoms and their progression as well as the temperatures measured. Take note of any changes in feed, environment, training, and the herd that have happened recently and whether it is a recurring condition
- Have consent from the vet before commencing any treatments of your own, e.g. Vetalgin.

