

Managing the Foal



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The First 24 Hours

- Leave the mare and foal to bond
- Dip Umbilicus 3-4 times using 1:4 Nolvasan
- Observe quietly
- Nurse well within 2 hours
- Contact Veterinarian for Mare & Foal Exam

Veterinarian Exams

- Physical Exam - Foal
 - eyes
 - umbilicus
 - heart & lungs
 - palate
 - genitalia
 - musculoskeletal

Veterinarian Exam

- Physical Exam - Mare
 - heart & lungs
 - GI
 - mucous membranes
 - external reproductive area

Veterinarian Exams



- Penicillin injection
- Foal enema
- Foal IgG test
- Examination of the placenta

First month

- Allow exercise as prescribed
- Monitor legs closely
- Recommend musculoskeletal exam
- Monitor for sickness
 - lethargy
 - diarrhea
 - decreased nursing

2 months of age



- Deworm with Ivermectin
 - Dose correctly for weight
 - Once per month until 4 months of age

3-4 months of age

- Musculoskeletal exam
- Vaccinations if mare improperly vaccinated (boosters in 1 month after initial)
- Deworm with ivermectin
 - dose correctly for weight
 - once per month until 4 months of age

6 months of age

- Vaccinations for foals from properly vaccinated mare (booster at 7 months of age)
- Weaning (between 4-6 months of age)
 - complete separation
 - 2 month process
 - safe fencing

6 months of age



- Weaning (cont.)
 - gradual separation
 - 3-4 month process
 - more management

8 months of age



- **Vaccinations**
 - Booster vaccinations then at 9 months
 - Then follow regular adult schedule

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Summary

- 24 hours
 - umbilicus
 - veterinary exam
- 1 month
 - legs
 - illness

Summary

- 3-4 months
 - legs
 - vaccinations?
 - Deworming
- 6 months
 - Vaccinations
 - Weaning