Horse Care Checklist

A daily and routine horse care checklist covering feeding, turnout, grooming, hooves and health.

Feed & Water

- [ ] Provide constant access to clean, fresh water
- [ ] Feed quality forage such as hay or pasture
- [ ] Give measured concentrates or grain if part of the diet
  Adjust amounts to the horse's weight, age and workload
- [ ] Offer a salt or mineral block
- [ ] Check water troughs and buckets for cleanliness and ice

Turnout & Exercise

- [ ] Turn out for movement and grazing time
- [ ] Provide daily exercise, riding or groundwork
- [ ] Check fencing, gates and the paddock for hazards
- [ ] Ensure shelter from sun, wind and rain
- [ ] Monitor herd dynamics if turned out with other horses

Grooming

- [ ] Curry and brush the coat to remove dirt and loose hair
- [ ] Comb out the mane and tail
- [ ] Clean around the eyes, nostrils and dock
- [ ] Check the coat and skin for cuts, lumps or parasites
- [ ] Apply fly protection in warm seasons

Hoof Care

- [ ] Pick out each hoof daily
- [ ] Check for heat, odor, cracks or signs of thrush
- [ ] Watch for lameness or uneven movement
- [ ] Schedule regular farrier visits for trimming or shoeing
  Commonly every six to eight weeks

Stall & Environment

- [ ] Muck out the stall and remove soiled bedding
- [ ] Add fresh, dry bedding
- [ ] Refill water and hay
- [ ] Check the stall for sharp edges or loose fittings
- [ ] Maintain ventilation and keep the area dry

Health & Records

- [ ] Observe appetite, manure and behavior for changes

- [ ] Keep vaccinations current with your vet
- [ ] Maintain a deworming schedule based on advice
- [ ] Book routine dental checks
- [ ] Keep a record of vet, farrier and dental visits