

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