

IN GENERAL

Unfit for transport if the horse shows any of the following signs:

- ✗ Pain
- ✗ Exhaustion
- ✗ Dehydration
- ✗ Poor general health or condition
- ✗ Infectious disease
- ✗ Obvious signs of distress
- ✗ Indifference or unresponsive to surroundings
- ✗ A significant amount of swelling, heat and/or redness.

BLINDNESS

- ✗ Do not transport if the horse is totally blind in both eyes.

UNABLE TO STAND

Do not transport if the horse shows any of the following signs:

- ✗ Stumbling, staggering or falling
- ✗ Inability to:
 - ✗ Stand or remain standing
 - ✗ Maintain balance
 - ✗ Move without signs of pain
 - ✗ Bear any weight on one of its legs.

BLEEDING

Do not transport if the horse shows:

- ✗ Constant bleeding; a lot of blood visible on and/or around the animal
- ✗ Blood squirting out under pressure or pulsating from the wound, indicating damage to an artery; this is an emergency.

Assessing the fitness for transport of equidae



COLIC

- ✗ Do not transport if the horse has colic symptoms.

OPEN WOUNDS

Do not transport if the horse shows any of the following signs:

- ✗ An open wound exposing a body cavity or structure, such as the chest, abdomen or skull
- ✗ Damage to the skin or mucous membranes that exposes muscle, deeper tissues or bone
- ✗ An infected wound, possibly accompanied by discharge, pus or maggots
- ✗ A large healing wound (including surgical wounds) that has reopened.

PROLAPSE

(ORGAN PROTRUDING FROM THE BODY)

Do not transport if:

- ✗ A red or pink mass hanging from the vulva or anus
- ✗ Bleeding from the vulva or anus.

LATE PREGNANCY OR RECENTLY FOALED

Unfit for transport if the horse shows any of the following signs:

- ✗ Wax-like beads or droplets of milk on the tips of the teats (note: this does not always occur)
- ✗ Relaxation of the muscles in the hindquarters and tail
- ✗ A visible placenta, indicating imminent or recent birth, or abortion.

NEW-BORN FOALS

Unfit for transport if the foal shows any of the following signs:

- ✗ Moist navel
- ✗ Fluid dripping from the end of the navel
- ✗ Redness and swelling of the navel.