

# WOUNDS AND ACUTE LAMENESS

What Every Horse Owner Needs to Know

## FIRST RESPONSE

- Get somewhere safe to assess the injury
- Check for pain, heavy bleeding and call your vet if present.
- Stay calm and prioritize safety: you can't help if you get hurt.



## CLEANING THE WOUND

- Flush gently with saline or clean water
- Use antimicrobial soap (such as chlorhexidine or betadine) for minor wounds
- Avoid hydrogen peroxide or alcohol



## BLEEDING CONTROL

- Apply direct pressure with clean cloth or bandage
- Add layers without removing soaked ones
- For severe bleeding, wrap firmly and keep adding layers and pressure if needed and contact vet



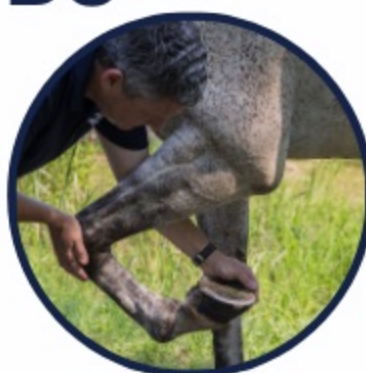
## DEEP OR PUNCTURE WOUNDS

- Get immediate vet attention
- Never remove foreign objects (like nails) yourself



## ACUTE LAMENESS: WHAT TO DO

- Rest the horse
- Use cold therapy on swollen areas
- Examine hooves but don't remove penetrating objects
- Contact the vet - avoid giving pain meds before they give the okay



## Remember to always have on hand:

- ✓ First Aid Kit
- ✓ Clean bandages and wraps (vetrap, no-bows, standing wraps)
- ✓ Tetanus vaccine record  
(if your horse is not up UTD, it should get a booster)
- ✓ Emergency vet contact info



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