

Travel and Emergencies (1/15/2008)

First Aid Kit

- Keep out of reach of small children
- Replace expired medication regularly
- Consider special needs of your horse

Traveling with your horse

1. Trips by Trailer or Horse Van

- Maintenance of Vehicles
- Practice of Loading and Unloading
- Drive Defensively and Stop Frequently
- No Open Windows while Driving
- Prepare Your Horse for Long Trips
- Things to Bring Along

2. Trips by Airplane and Across Borders

- Plan Early
- Use Experienced Shipper
- Have Travel Documents Ready
- Update Health Checkup and Vaccinations
- Things to Send Along
- Be Prepared for Different Climate at Destination
- Closely Monitor Horse after Arrival

3. On Trails and at Shows

- Keep Vaccinations and Health Checks Current
- Practice Loading, Trailering, Standing in Ties
- Carry Required Documents (health certificate, Coggins test etc.)
- Ride in Company or Let Someone Know Where You'll Be Riding
- Wear a Helmet
- Keep Your Equipment in Excellent Shape, Inspect Every Day
- Follow Common Sense Safety Rules

Natural Disasters

- Fire (Barn Fire or Wild Fire)
- Flooding, Hurricanes, Power Outage
- Earthquakes, Tornadoes, Volcanoes
- Emergency Plan, ID and Evacuation

Next week we'll talk about regular health care for your horse. We'll also learn how to choose a horse, where to find it and how to avoid mistakes in buying it.