



Loomis Basin Equine

MEDICAL GROUP

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Colic Discharge Summary for Estrella

Case Summary

General Appearance: BAR
Temperature: 99.3
Heart Rate: 40
Respiration: 44
Mucous Membranes: pink, moist
Gut Sounds: reduced in all quadrants
Sedation Given: 150mg xylazine and 5mg butorphanol IV. Then 150mg xylazine for radiographs
Stomach Tube: normal-appearing stomach contents, no net reflux, tubed with 1/2 gallon of mineral oil+ electrolytes and 6L water
Rectal Exam: diarrhea in rectum, minimal gas distension.
Other Medications Administered:

Estrella, an 8 year old Friesian mare, presented on 8/8/25 for colic. You report that she has been more lethargic and less interested in feed since this morning. You expressed concern for toxins such as acorns or water-borne contaminants as well as ingestion of construction-related materials. Her normal diet is teff/grass hay and low-sugar senior feed.

PHYSICAL EXAM:

Estrella's heart rate and temperature were within normal limits. Her respiration rate was elevated. Gut sounds were present, but reduced, in all four quadrants of her abdomen. She is over-conditioned at a body condition score of 7/9, with 5/9 being

ideal. No other abnormalities were found.

RECTAL EXAM:

There was diarrhea present in Estrella's rectum.

ABDOMINAL RADIOGRAPHS:

We took x-rays of Estrella's belly to look for sand, enteroliths (stones), or metal foreign material. The radiographs have been sent to the radiologist for secondary review. The results will be communicated to you when they become available.

BLOODWORK:

Mild hypocalcemia, mildly elevated muscle enzymes.

We discussed additional diagnostics today including abdominal ultrasound and abdominocentesis (belly tap). We also discussed monitoring in the clinic. These were declined in favor of monitoring closely at home at this time.

Most colics respond well to medical therapy including pain medications, stomach tubing, and feed restriction with gradual re-feeding. However, if colic signs are persisting, additional tests such as bloodwork, abdominal x-rays, abdominal ultrasound, and abdominal fluid testing may be indicated to help determine the cause of the discomfort and guide appropriate therapy.

Medications

Banamine Paste: Give 1250# orally once tonight. Then give 1000# orally once tomorrow morning.

Feeding Instructions

No feed for tonight (water is fine). Then, if Estrella is staying comfortable and passing manure, you may start refeeding with small frequent meals of soupy pelleted feed. Over the next 36-48 hours, gradually increase the amounts and time between feedings until back to the normal diet.

Housing

Keeping Estrella in a smaller area for the next 2-3 days is recommended to allow you to monitor comfort, feed and water intake, and manure production.

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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