

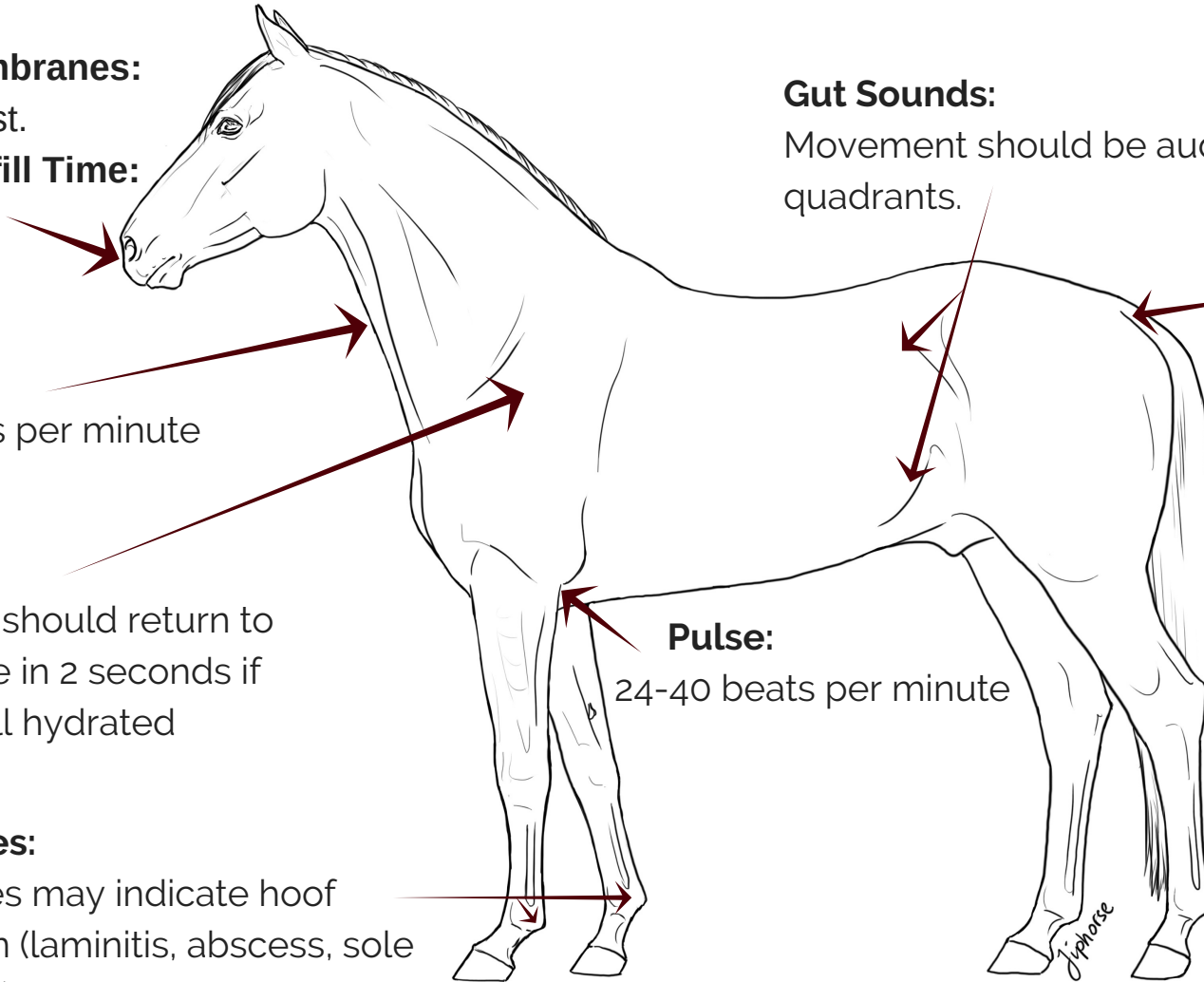
PHYSICAL EXAM

Mucous Membranes:

Pink and moist.

Capillary Refill Time:

<2 seconds.



Gut Sounds:

Movement should be audible in all 4 quadrants.

Temperature:

99.5-101.5°F

Respiration:

12-24 breaths per minute

Skin Tent:

Pinched skin should return to normal shape in 2 seconds if patient is well hydrated

Pulse:

24-40 beats per minute

Digital Pulses:

Strong pulses may indicate hoof inflammation (laminitis, abscess, sole bruising, etc.)

Baseline TPR

T:

P:

R:

Common Mistakes When Monitoring Vital Signs:

*Allowing the horse to sniff your hand to measure respiration rate.
Not regularly practicing on your horse to know what is normal.
Double-counting heartbeats (lub-dub=one beat).*

*Not leaving the thermometer in long enough (false low-temperature reading).
Taking vital signs on a nervous horse (horses' pulse and respiration rates can increase dramatically if they are nervous).*



TEMPERATURE LOG

Horse:

Owner:

Veterinarian:

Trainer:

Starwood Equine 650-275-3091

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The incubation period is 14 days for EHV.