

Shock

Can occur as a result of severe blood loss, pain, of severe illness such as systemic infection.

Seek veterinary care ASAP

Signs

- Depression
- Weakness
- Loss of appetite
- Initial fever, later the temperature will drop and the extremities will feel cold and clammy
- Increased heart rate
- Thready, weak pulse
- CRT > 2 seconds
- Increased respiratory rate
- Very pale membranes indicate blood loss
- dark red membranes that become muddy purple indicate systemic infection
- In later stages the horse may be unable to stand

First Aid

1. Do not stress the horse
2. Move the horse as little as possible
3. Keep horse comfortable and draft free
4. Allow access to water
5. **Seek veterinary care ASAP**