



**HAMANN-MCDONALD**

VETERINARY SERVICES

# FOALING CHECKLIST

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## Mare's Care Prior to Foaling

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- 1. Pneumobort K Vaccine
  - 3 months gestation
  - 5 months gestation
  - 7 months gestation
  - 9 months gestation
- 2. Vaccinate for all core vaccinations 4 weeks prior to foal date
- 3. Remove Caslick 2-3 weeks prior to foaling (if required)
- 4. Deworm with ivermectin 3 days prior to foaling
- 5. Move mare to clean birthing area, remove manure daily.

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## Foaling

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- 1. Stage 1: onset of uterine contractions (duration 1-4 hrs), ends with “Water Breaking”**
  - Restlessness, pawing, frequent lying down and standing, patchy sweating
- 2. Stage 2: active labor (duration 10-60 min\*\*), ends with birth of foal**
  - Active straining, appearance of translucent smokey-grey (amnion) at vulva
  - \*If a red bag appears at vulva instead of grey amnion call your vet immediately\*
  - \*\* Call your vet if no progress is made for 20 minutes\*\*
- 3. Dip umbilical cord with Novalsan (2-3 times daily for 3 days)**
  - Clear airway of amnion, stimulate breathing with brisk rubbing, tickle inside of nostril, and flex and extend front legs.
- 4. Stage 3: passes fetal membranes (placenta), duration (15min-3h)**
  - Tie up placenta to keep mare from stepping on them (do not pull)
  - Examine placenta and save in a bucket for your vet.
  - \* If fetal membranes are not passed in 3 hours, contact your vet\*
- 5. Foal STANDS within 1 hour**
- 6. Foal NURSES within 2 hours (1-2 Liters colostrum within 6-12 hours)**
- 7. Foal passes meconium within 3 hours (first dark/brown, sticky feces)**
  - If any straining (tail up) occurs administer one fleet enema.
- 8. Passes urine within 8 hours (no abdominal distension).**
- 9. Administer Bio-Sponge 6-8 hours after nursing. Repeat twice daily for 4 days.**
- 10. IgG Test via vet at 12-24 hours post foaling to determine Passive Transfer status.**

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