

Horse Care Checklist

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- Mane and Tail
 - Apply shampoo and conditioner to your horse's mane and tail.
 - Use a comb, rather than a brush, to prevent hair breakage.
 - Braid his tail and put it in a tube sock to keep it clean.
 - Apply a spray-on coat conditioner for extra shine and brush his tail vigorously.
- Face and Ears
 - Clip your horse's nose, eyes, ears, chin and bridle path.
 - Check and trim any stray hairs.
 - Thoroughly bathe your horse.
 - Wipe baby oil over his ear, nose and eye areas to add shine.
 - Run a clean rag over his face to remove any dirt or sweat.
- Hair Coat
 - Provide excellent nutrition.
 - Regularly deworm.
 - After every workout, bathe your horse.
- Feet and Legs
 - Clip your horse legs.
 - Use a sanding block on each hoof to create an even surface.
 - After the polish dries, apply hoof polish enhancer.
 - Wash your horse's white legs.
 - Wait until he's completely dry and apply baby powder on his legs to enhance whiteness.
 - Apply polo wraps from his knees to his coronet bands.
- Healthy Horse
 - Has a glossy and shiny coat.
 - Eyes appear bright and clear and fully open.
 - Has healthy wall tissues in the hooves.
 - The hooves should be smooth and clean with no cracks.
 - Is alert, attentive and inquisitive.
 - Stays in a group when they are in a lot, paddock or a pasture.