

# 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.