

Traumatic Head Injury in Horses

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HORSE DETAILS

Age of horse:
Breed of horse:
Sex: Male Female Gelding
Color:
Temperament (1 calm through 5 flighty)

If not being ridden at the time of injury
Was the horse being lead?
Was the horse in cross-ties?
Was the horse tied to a fixed object?
Any contributing factor that lead to the occurrence of injury? (e.g. veterinary procedure)

PREVIOUS MEDICAL HISTORY

Any known preexisting disease?
If yes, what?
Has the horse fallen before?
Any neurologic disease (e.g. EPM)?
Any lameness?
Any neck arthritis?
Any cardiac disease?
Any vision/eye problems?
Any current medications?

INCIDENT DETAILS

Was the incident observed?
Was the horse alone?
Were there other horses around?
Were other horses also injured?
If yes, how many?

Location of incident

Home? Being loaded?
During travel? (e.g. trailer incident)
Show? Being Ponied?
During a race? Starting gate?
Other?

WEATHER DETAILS (if outdoors)

Daytime? Nighttime?
Raining? Dry conditions?
Windy conditions?
Thunderstorm?

Was the horse considered fit for the type of work being done at the time of injury?
Was the incident under saddle?
If yes, what type of saddle
What sort of bit was the horse wearing?
Was the rider wearing spurs?

FOOTING DETAILS

Wet ground? Dry ground?
Soft ground (e.g. grass/sand)?
Hard ground (e.g. asphalt)?
Slippery ground?
Is the horse shod?
If yes, what type of shoes?

If observed

Did the horse fall forwards?
Did the horse fall backwards?
Did the horse fall sideways?
Did the horse's head hit the ground first?

If not observed

When was the horse last seen to be normal? hrs

RIDER/HANDLER DETAILS

If being ridden at the time of injury
Was the rider experienced?
What activity was the horse doing? (e.g. jumping, walking etc)
Did the rider suspect something was wrong?
Was the rider injured?

\*\*\* If you have any other information that you feel is important in describing this incident, please provide further details on the back of this question form.

Thank you for your assistance with this project.
This information will be valuable in understanding traumatic head injury in horses.