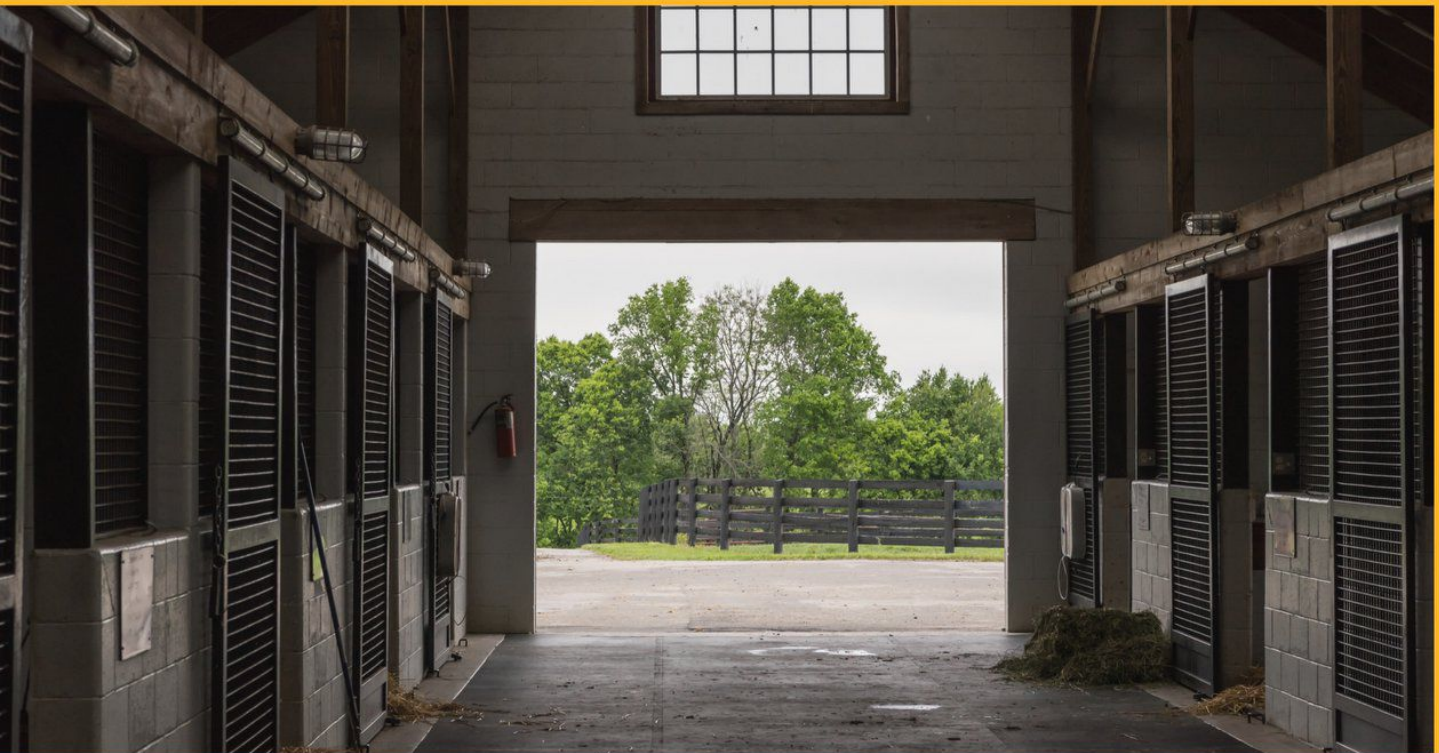


IS YOUR BARN OR BOARDING FACILITY

CERTIFIED SAFE?

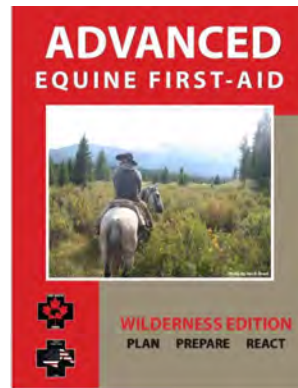


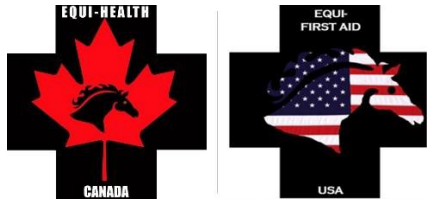
Certified Safe Facility Program

Facilities that are certified by Equi-First Aid USA have met the following criteria:

- They have hosted an Equi-First Aid USA-sanctioned Equine Health and Emergency First Aid clinic and have staff or volunteers onsite with current first aid certification.
- They have hosted an Equi-First Aid USA-sanctioned Advanced* Equine Emergency First Aid clinic and have staff or volunteers onsite with current advanced certification.
- They have hosted an Equi-First Aid USA-sanctioned Disaster Planning and Emergency Preparedness clinic and have staff or volunteers onsite with current certification.
- They have an ongoing relationship with Equi-First Aid USA, remaining up-to-date on new health and emergency protocols, and host a minimum of two Equi-First Aid USA-sanctioned courses per year, with any of the currently certified Equi-First Aid USA Instructors.
- Facilities who meet these criteria are awarded an annual Certified Safe certificate to hang on their facility wall. They will also have their facility listed here with website link and contact information at no charge.
- If you have hosted the above three courses in the past year, please contact us to have your facility added to the Certified Safe listings.

* Hosting either version of the Advanced Equine First Aid will meet the criteria for becoming a Certified Safe Facility.





Help the horse community by
hosting an equine first-aid class!

Hi there!

My name is Jackie Matteo and I am an instructor for Equi-First Aid USA. Helping horse owners have the knowledge and confidence to assist their horse in any health or emergency situation is our focus; helping you be the ‘first responder’ for your horse while you wait to see the vet.

We provide emergency first aid training to individuals, clubs and organizations across the United States and Canada. Our courses are accredited for CE credits with Equestrian Canada, provincial and state associations of Veterinary Technicians, PATH, EAGALA, IAABC and more.

We are governed by a Board of Advisors made up of horse and health professionals, including Dr. Brian Taylor and Dr. David Dempsey, DVMs and Karen McMann, professional farrier.

The program was created over a decade ago, with the vision of educating horse owners in emergency first aid and providing quality training and products in this area. The course and materials were developed over a two-year period in conjunction with several equine organizations, veterinarians, farriers, equine chiropractors, equine massage therapists, nutritionists, and numerous other interested parties and is perfect for the newest to the most seasoned horse person – everyone will learn something new.

We are now offering this course in your area. The courses are \$159 plus tax per person. Host barns are offered up to 2 complimentary spots (one with 5 paid attendees, 2 with 10 or more), and we are offering this course to your barn. We look forward to hearing from you! If you have any questions at all, please contact me any time, or visit our website for photos of past courses, etc.

Have a wonderful day,

Jackie Matteo

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EQUINE FIRST AID HOSTING A COURSE



What we require:

Before the class

- Location address and access information so that we can provide clear directions to the class.
- We usually provide drinks/snacks (and a light lunch for the full day courses). Your help is invaluable in letting us know what is available at the class location (water cooler, coffee maker, fridge etc.) and potential lunch options, if applicable,
- A non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 is normally required to hold the date (\$500 for fly-away classes). An invoice for the deposit will be sent separately. Deposits are refunded if the class proceeds as agreed the instructor. As each student registers for the class, I will email an acknowledgement to them, together with class details, and copy the host. Registrations are non-refundable but may be transferred from one person to another provided I am notified of any name changes prior to the class, or can be transferred to another class, if applicable.

On the day:

- Indoor location - arena, barn - we can teach in just about any size area but do need a place to get out of the elements (outdoor locations for the practical portions of the class may be suitable for the practical session, depending on weather conditions).
- Restroom Facilities
- Area for the PowerPoint portion of the course - coffee room, classroom, viewing area or corner of the barn - we require an area to set up and plug in our projector & computer, set up a screen and for students to be able to sit.
- Equines! We require 1 horse for every 4 students (20 students per class on average but can work with a group of up to 40 if there is adequate space and horses). We do ask that you choose horses that will prove safe to work with for the students, recognizing that horses are living, breathing, reactive animals.
- A suitable area for the groups to safely work with the horses in the afternoon.

What we provide:

- An Equi-Health Canada / Equi-First Aid USA LLC certified instructor. All instructors have extensive equine backgrounds and are highly experienced in equine emergency first aid.
- All learning materials and supplies.
- Certificates of completion for all attendees.
- First aid manuals/handbooks (depending on the class) for all attendees.
- Normal vs. Abnormal pocket reference cards for all attendees (full-day class).
- Course listing on website(s) (where appropriate for public courses)
- Promotion on social media (where appropriate for public courses)

Outline for the day (basic full day class):

8:45 – 9:00 - Meet & greet, registration, completion of waiver forms.

9:00 am - Classroom - a brief welcome and some introductory PowerPoint slides.

Demonstration (using one horse):

Conditioning a horse to accept treatment - the worst time to train a horse to accept treatment is when he needs treatment! We will use spray bottles here, simulate clippers, and work on touching the horse everywhere.

Prevention - pain detection on the horse and what to look for in relation to the spine. Techniques to help prevent injuries and relieve pain and tension in the horse before riding.

Vital signs – what's normal/abnormal, how to assess, baseline vitals, what information the vet needs, and how to calculate a horse's weight to avoid under/over-dosing medications.

Break

After the break we move back into the classroom. We then go through a series of slides depicting true emergencies and talk about the process with each situation - lacerations, punctures, eye issues etc. This is to prepare the group for afternoon hands-on scenarios.

Bandaging demonstration and how to build a temporary boot for pain relief, poulticing, etc.

Break for lunch

After lunch we move into scenario work with the horses, which is done in groups – maximum of 4 students per horse. We first check the horses for pain spots (from the morning demo). Each group then works through a number of scenarios. These are done as if they were real emergencies - 'wounds' are cleaned, bandages applied etc. There is also a scenario for vital signs where the group must measure and calculate the weight of their horse and take all its vitals.

Break

Back to the classroom and continuing with the PowerPoint presentation: Digestive & breathing emergencies, additional health issues.

Hoof issues. While these are not generally emergencies – with the exception of laminitis, “no hoof, no horse” - so we cover recognizing and dealing with hoof issues.

The day ends with questions and discussion. This usually takes us to around 4:30-5:00, when we finish up by handing out certificates and taking a class photo.

Note: The half-day class format is similar but there is more focus on the practical skills, working through scenarios, with less coverage of the health issues & emergencies that are discussed during the full-day class. Other classes follow a similar format, with a blend of presentations and hands-on activities.

Checklist for hosts

Your instructor will arrive with all the teaching materials and supplies needed to teach the class. However, some items are specific to the location (e.g. furniture, projection screen). We can accommodate most situations, provided we know the requirements in advance. Please talk to your instructor about the space & logistics for the class and about providing snacks, drinks and lunches, which will vary depending on location, availability etc.

- Parking area(s)
- Any facility-specific documentation you require students to complete (Releases of Liability, etc.)
- Indoor area to be used as a classroom for the PowerPoint presentations
- Table for projector/computer
- Screen
- Chairs for students
- Indoor area for working safely with the horses (outdoor areas may be appropriate, depending on weather)
- Horses – One horse per four students, that are safe to work with on the ground
- Restroom facilities
- Table for snacks/drinks/lunch
- Snacks/drinks
- Lunches