

2025 4-H Hippology Team Problem

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Senior Team Problem Option 1

Navicular

Your 6-year-old horse has started having lameness issues as you ride him. You also notice times have increased times of short striding. So, you give him a few days off, and he appears fine in the pasture. So, you decide to go riding, and as he stands for brushing and saddling, you notice he is shifting his weight from one side to the other in the front. As you ride, he again is short striding. So, you decide it is time to have your vet look at him. After hoof testing and X-rays, it is discovered that your young horse has navicular.

1. What is navicular?
2. What are the treatments available for navicular
3. What is the future expectation for your horse?

Senior Team Problem Option 2

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Body Condition Scoring

You and your family take a three-month vacation. You leave your beautiful mature horses, Big Red, Brownie and Goldy in the care of your neighbor, Lori, while you and your family are gone. When you come back home, you find that Big Red seems very skinny, Brownie is clearly overweight, and Goldy seems just right. What are the steps you would take to get your horses back to a desirable body condition score and healthy state?

1. What is a body condition score?
 - a. Why is this important?

Big Red Brownie Goldy

2. How can you help Brownie?
 - a. *If he is overweight, what can you do to get him back to a more ideal weight*
 - b. *Why is being overweight an issue?*
3. How can you help Big Red?
 - a. *What can you do to get him back to an ideal weight?*
 - b. *How did he get too thin?*

Senior Team Problem Option 3

Safety Equipment

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You are planning to purchase a trailer.

1. What do you need to consider identifying proper trailering equipment and safety equipment?
2. What are the basics concepts of trailering?
3. What are proper techniques for preparing your horse for travel?