

INFORMATION ABOUT HORSE CARE

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BASIC HORSE CARE

Diet -Restrict feed to spring pastures and in the morning or evening

-Plant sugars are higher in the middle of the day

-Founder is a very painful disease that affects a horse's hoof

-Foundering happens to overweight ponies

-Ponies become overweight if they eat an excessive amount of

pasture, hay, grain or pelleted feed

-lots of clean water

Exercise -Ride the horse

-Lead the horse (walking a horse)

-Have the horse lunge

Feet -Have a farrier trim the hooves every 6-8 weeks.

-Have a farrier put on shoes if the horse is ridden on hard or rocky ground

-Use a hoof pick to remove rocks, dirt and debris.

Grooming -Use a curry comb to remove loose hair from the horse.

-Use a stiff brush to remove the dirt. Brush the neck, body and tail.

-Use a soft brush around the eyes, ears and muzzle.

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