

Diarrhea in Horses

Many apparently healthy horses (up to 25%) carry *Salmonella* bacteria in their intestines. When horses are stressed or go without feed for a day or two, the *Salmonella* can result in clinical disease (diarrhea). *Salmonella* is dangerous for people and other horses. Stressed horses, such as those surviving a major disaster, that develop diarrhea are a risk to all other horses and their handlers.

Under emergency conditions horses with fulminant diarrhea may have to be removed or destroyed because it may not be possible to manage an outbreak of salmonellosis at an emergency facility.