

Tacoma Equine Hospital

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10 Tips for Caring for the Older Horse

from the American Association of Equine Practitioners

1. Observe your horse on a regular basis. Watch for changes in body condition, behavior and attitude.
2. Feed your older horse away from younger, more aggressive ones so it won't have to compete for food.
3. Adjust and balance rations to maintain proper body conditions.
4. Arrange for routine dental care to keep their mouth in good working order.
5. Provide adequate, appropriate exercise to maintain muscle tone, flexibility and mobility.
6. Groom your horse frequently to promote circulation and skin health.
7. Provide regular hoof care.
8. Be vigilant in controlling pests and parasites.
9. Observe for any unusual lumps or growths from head to tail as well as beneath the tail.
10. Schedule routine checkups. Call us immediately if you suspect a problem.