

Assignment Instructions

PART A – Calculate your Risk of Colic

Use Equine Guelph's [Colic Risk Rater](#) to calculate your horse's colic risk.

The questionnaire is based on an individual horse. If you have multiple horses, choose one horse that best represents your overall management practices for the assignment. If you wish, you can repeat the Colic Risk Rater for each horse that you have.



PART B – Assess Your Risk

Assess your colic risk and identify specific areas that you can improve. Flag all **RED** areas (if they apply) and plan to complete an action plan on those areas as we move through the course. Include this list of flagged **RED** areas with your action plan in your assignment (each under the appropriate topic). Discuss your area(s) of concern with your group.

PART C - Develop an action plan

Your assignment will have your own suggested recommendations based on your colic risk assessment and your facility. All 10 topics listed below will be discussed during the course (Day 3 - 8). Use the daily activities in the course under each of the ten topics to help you develop your management plan. Keep the points clear and relevant to what you can do, or are able to do, at your facility or where you board.

1. Housing/Turnout
2. Activity Level – what can you do to minimize stress?
3. Concentrate Feeding
4. Forage Feeding
5. Water
6. Dental Health
7. Parasite Prevention
8. Assessing and Managing Change (i.e. adaptation/transition period)
9. Other Risk Factors (behaviour, previous history, transportation, breed)
10. Caregivers

PART D - Calculate your New Risk of Colic

Calculate your new colic risk by answering the questions in the [Colic Risk Rater](#) using your action plan. How did your colic risk change?