



## CARING FOR HORSES IN FLORIDA

Taking care of horses in Florida is a major responsibility. The following list describes the tasks you need to accomplish each day for your horse:

- Feed your horse daily
- Check your horse's water supply, clean water at all times is essential to survival
- Examine your horse for any signs of injury or health troubles
- Clean manure from your horse's shelter and pasture area to prevent flies, parasites and disease
- Groom your horse and clean out their hooves

### FEED AND WATER

- Horses consume an average of 10 gallons of water per day, they need fresh water at all times
- Grass Hay. The daily hay portion is estimated at 1.5-2% percent of the horse's body weight. Availability of quality grass pasture could reduce hay requirement, you can buy hay at any local feed store
- Salt. White salt blocks are available at any feed or agricultural supply stores
- Commercial equine feeds/grain may be required as additional calories and nutrition for senior or struggling horses

### VETERINARIAN

- Medical care is provided by an equine veterinarian that visits your horse on site
- Annual Vaccinations (Rabies, encephalitis, tetanus)
- Parasite control with over the counter deworming products
- Annual Teeth/Dental Care
- Emergencies and when to call

### SHELTER

- Safe Fencing
- Shelter from the elements. Sun/extreme heat can be deadly, so can rain and cold temperatures
- Manure removal for fly, parasite and disease control

### FARRIER

- No foot, No horse
- Regular hoof care is provided by a farrier that visits your horse on site
- Horse's feet grow continually, similar to our fingernails, and need to be carefully filed or trimmed on a regularly basis by a farrier to prevent damage and pain from overgrowth