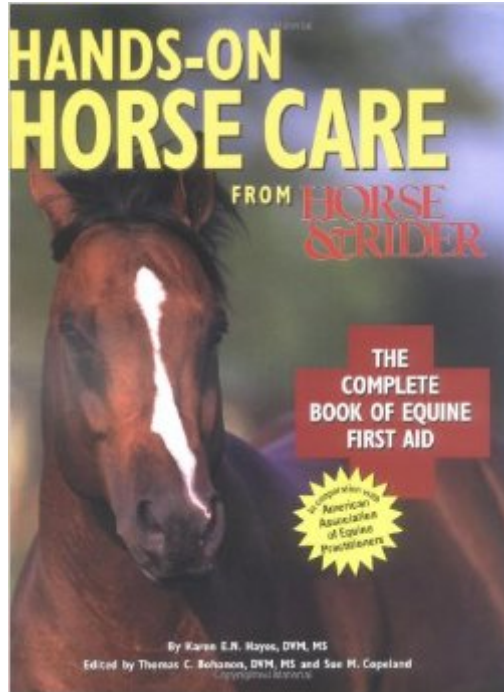


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# Hands-on Horse Care: The Complete Book Of Equine First-Aid



## Synopsis

Three simple-reference sections use carefully crafted questions and answers devised by veterinarians to provide all the tools needed to deal with everything from general horse care and welfare to more serious illnesses and injuries. With its highly visual flow-chart format readers can start with an observed symptom, determine whether it's a potential problem that warrants action and be guided towards the best course of action to take. Full of invaluable instruction and advice, this book will help horse owners develop a better relationship with their veterinarians and become more confident horsekeepers and observers.

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This is a good book for the average horse owner / caretaker (layperson). It basically shows you how to determine if something is an emergency (i.e.- whether or not you should "CALL THE VET.") including what you should do until the vet gets there, AND how to do it. Just about all areas were covered- from eye injuries to hoof care. BASIC first aid techniques are provided, and described well. The one thing I did not like, is that it did not give you much information as to what was really

going on. Specifically, it did not correlate signs and symptoms with any specific "diagnosis." However, I do have a healthcare background (no, I'm not a veterinarian)- so my review is based on what I expected a "Complete Book of First-Aid" to be. That is.... complete and thorough. I expected more information about how to care for various injuries and illnesses, whereas I found the focus to be on just stabilizing a problem until the vet comes

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My vet recommended this book for my first aid kit that I have at home, it lists items that need to be in your equine first aid. Of course, you need to consult with your veterinarian about what you may or may not really need for your horse.

This book will pay for itself with the money you will save from unnecessary emergency vet visits. Using clear yes/no questions, the book takes the guesswork out of knowing whether you need to call the vet or if it is something that you can treat yourself. The book is alphabetized by sign, so if your horse has a bump, you look up "bump." It tells you exactly how to deal with the just about any problem and, if you need to call the vet, what you can do while you're waiting. In addition, it is a handy reference guide with vaccination and deworming schedules, how to check a horse's condition, how-to give injections or wrap and has a photographic index of plants that are toxic to horses. In my opinion, EVERY barn and horse owner should have a copy of this on hand.

Nothing can replace your vet, but this one is a keeper. No barn should be without a copy.

I really loved this book!! It gave me a lot of information about what was wrong and what to do and even though I don't own a horse yet, it gives me a feel on what to expect when I start working with them to that extent. I do wish it was spiral bounded but other than that it was an awesome book.

This book would be useful to anyone who handles horses regularly. I will be getting it out any time I wonder, "Should I call the vet?" Anyone with horses knows that happens frequently. But this book will see a lot more use than that. In addition to basic wound care and evaluating vital signs, the book

covers skills which have become less common in modern barns such as making and using poultices, wraps, and hoof boots. It gives clear instructions, usually with photos, for many necessary horsekeeping skills like giving shots, keeping a first-aid kit, and determining which leg is lame. Common toxic plants are charted with their locations, symptoms, and treatments. While I like to have more details and usually pick my vet's brain for hours, the glossary gives basic descriptions of many conditions that can get the curious started on researching more in depth explanations. The book is not a veterinary manual though; it is a reference for what horseowners can do without needing the knowledge that veterinarians go to school for years to get. The first 192 pages are about determining, through yes-or-no question flowcharts, whether a symptom warrants calling the vet or using a home treatment. The home treatments are described clearly with your safety and your horses needs in mind.

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