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## Basic Information You Should Know About Your Driving Equine

1. Normal Temperature, Resting Pulse, and Respiration. (TPR)
2. Body Weight: A more accurate way to measure than using a weight tape is to multiply heart girth (in inches) by heart girth by body length (in inches) divided by 330. This information is needed for developing your feeding program, tracking fitness, and avoiding excess weight gain; as well as deciding how much weight your equine can comfortably pull.
3. How much does your carriage weigh? You can get it weighed at a feed mill with truck scales, or your feed store may also have scales.
4. How much do you and your usual passengers weigh? Add to carriage weight so that you know what you are asking your equine to pull.
5. Last date of dental work for equine.
6. Current supplements/medications. Does your equine have any allergies?
7. Best interval for trimming/shoeing to maintain soundness and avoid lost shoes.
8. Vaccination schedule, based on your veterinarian's advice, travel and competition requirements.
9. Worming status, fecal tests and worming schedule.
10. If you plan to compete, do you have a current ADS measurement card for your pony or VSE?