



Equine Precautions: Long Trip

The importance of these precautions is directly proportional to the length of the trip. Use your own judgment, and that of your veterinarian:

- Electrolytes - Increase 2 to 3 days prior to shipping.
- Bran Mash - Once a day for 2 to 3 days prior to shipping
- Vitamins - Add extra for a week prior to shipping.
- Mineral Oil - One pint per day may either be added to feed along with bran for four days prior OR given by veterinarian via stomach tube the day of shipping (4-6 hours before departure).
- Antibiotics - When the trip will be over 12 hours, discuss the administration of antibiotics with your veterinarian.
- Body Clip - When taking your horse from a cold climate to a warm one, a body clip is recommended.
- Blanket - The need for the blanket will depend on the temperature en route.

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