

Example of Veterinary Pre and performing seizure list

1. Check in with **Incident Command UPON ARRIVAL**
 - Ask if IC needs advice
 - Do not enter property without police on site
2. Establish who is requesting the exam (eg owner, ACO, Commonwealth attorney, Sherriff)
3. ALL Vets should meet as a team in the beginning, Have the same paper work, protocol, abbreviations, forms. Decide on numbering (A1-10 this field etc) or use pre numbered auction rump tags.
4. Initial WALK TROUGH and MAPPING
5. Immediate Emergency feeding advice should be given;
 - Only small amount hay
 - Water-do not allow to over drink
 - NO CONCENTRATE
6. Use gloves, proper biosecurity-
 - Remember UNKNOWN Vaccination status/RABIES on dead animals
 - Strangles/herpes etc
7. Teams should move together-at least 3 people
 - Vet
 - Handler
 - Scribe/photographer
8. Quick PE/triage to start:
 - Photos with number on white board
 - Age/tattoo
 - Markings
 - Obvious PE findings
 - BS/WT
9. Go through herd quickly to triage, ideally then move to alternate location for more extensive exams
10. Moving off property: Chain of Custody (COC)
 - Holding area? Empty arena, sales/auction pens, other
 - Approved sites (previously determined)
 - Vet hospital-licensed in VA

Layup facility-approved
Rescue-approved ahead of time

Can give advice how horses released:

Paper work-COC
Follow up-by veterinarian and ACO/police

11. Examination: use FORMS

Immediately for sick horses, down, etc

For all eventually (72 hours goal)

Records should include standard (SOAP) for VA records plus:

Who engaged: Sherriff, DA etc

Location

People present

Level pain/distress

Behavior /depression etc

Video, Video, Video-MUCH better than pictures!!!! Can show pain, anxiety,
suffering much better as well.

MICROCHIP SCAN

Coggins

12. Evidence FORMS for:

1. Photos and Video

2. Lab work

3. Radiographs

4. US

5. Other

13. **EUTHANASIA**

1. Before euthanizing: **Consensus** from more than 1 vet on decision to
euthanize, or consensus of vets at scene.

2. Euthanized or horses that die or found dead need necropsies

3. Euthanized horses need to be placed in secure area for wild life
issues/dogs etc

14. **Necropsies**-best done by state lab with proper chain of command

If unable to move carcass due to decomposition, need photos, samples by
licensed vet in VA (see forms)

Use "Vics" vapor rub

Boots

Coveralls/Tyvek suits

Formaldehyde

Knives

Scalpels

Collect Femurs: Forensic evidence for starvation.

15. **Dead horses** need necropsy-as soon as possible after initial triage, or put in safe area.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Office:

Paper

Pens

Sharpies

Colored tape/numbers and glue

White boards/dry erase pens

Camera/phone

Current VA code book/VA comprehensive animal law handbook

Veterinary

Weight tapes

Stethoscope

Blood tubes

Thermometers

Dose syringe to rinse mouths

Euthanasia meds-XTRA

Sedation

Truck with regular meds and equipment

Microchip reader

Other

Halters

Leads with and without chains

Flash lights-small mag light for oral, big for dark barns/stalls

Mouth lavage syringe

Tow ropes

Gloves-all kinds

Plastic baggies for fecals/gloves

Trash bags

Trailers

Buckets

Hoses

Hay

Treats

Screens available to keep press out

Have Farm supply store on call for:

Feed, hay

Gates

COMMUNICATION:

PRESS/public

Be polite

Return calls but defer to investigators

Have a communication Team/spokes person

Do not speak to charged/owner

Encourage County District Attorney/Sherriff/ACO to seek help from State Vet office, Vet school, Forensic Veterinarian, VAEP, VVMA, AAEP, HSUS, local SPCA, Approved rescues