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Modified APGAR Score for Foals

Foals should be checked at 1 minute, 5 minutes and 15 minutes after delivery

	0 Points	1 Point	2 Points
Heart Rate	Absent	<60, irregular	>60, regular
Respiration	Absent	<60, irregular	>60, regular
Muscle Tone	Limp, Flat out	Semi-sternal, legs somewhat flexed	Sternal
Reflexes			
Nasal Stimulation	No response	Grimace	Strong grimace, sneeze
Ear Tickle	No response	Head/neck moves	Head shakes
Back Scratch	No response	Head/neck moves	Attempt to stand with head, neck, limb motion
Appearance	Gray/Blue gums	Pale pink gums	Pink gums

If score is 11 – 14: monitor

If score is 7 – 10: suction mouth, rub vigorously, stimulate foal to breath

If score is 3 – 6: all of the above plus nasal oxygen and/or intubate and ventilate

If score is <2: IV medication, CPR, fluids