

# GOING ON VACATION?

*Trip planning: A checklist for your horse while you are away*

## Planning Process

1. Tell Owner/ Manager the dates of your trip

Are you taking your horse to a trainers or is it being cared for by someone different? If yes, get all of your details ready in advance so that everyone is on the same page.

2. Schedule Vet and farrier so that scheduling works out so that it is convenient for all parties
  - Discuss with your vet and make a clear note on your budget and what you are willing to do incase of emergency. This information should also be given to the person in care of your horse.

## Before you leave

1. Organize all of your horse's equipment (tack, seasonal wear and so on)
  - Ask what is needed. Most trainers don't need your tack trunk and it will just be in the way
2. Have more than enough of the horse's regular food on hand
3. Talk to people in charge. Let them ask you questions and make sure that everyone feels comfortable and on the same page
4. Write up contact information and instructions
  - Feeding instructions (include supplements and medications if needed)
  - Contact information (Vet, Farrier, Your email and phone, emergency contact)
  - Emergency budget (what are the limits)
  - Horse's Quirks ( let those in care know if your horse has any behavioral things they do so they know if it is normal) Example: horse chews wood, horse swims in water trough when hot, while in season she has a sore back and so on

