

Signs of Hoof Abscess (D-3 Standard)

Reference: Stacy Anderson, DVM, MVSc, DACVS-LA; Understanding the Equine Foot?

Horses with a hoof abscess have a sudden onset (within one day) of moderate to severe lameness (3-4 out of 5 using the lameness scale). They are noticeably lame at the walk and/or trot in one limb and may be reluctant to move. They may have an elevated digital pulse in the affected limb. Occasionally, an abscess will drain out from a tract above the coronary band, which may temporarily reduce the lameness until it seals up. It is important to contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice your horse has developed a severe lameness suddenly.

Signs of Thrush (D-3 Standard)

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Horses with thrush are generally not lame, although they can become lame in severe cases of thrush. You will notice signs of thrush when you pick out your horse's feet. There is a strong smell when the grooves (collateral grooves) on either side of the frog are cleaned out. The tissues of the frog and collateral grooves become blackish to white that crumble away when you pick out the foot.

Types of Draft Breeds (D-3 Standard)

Reference: <http://www.easternctdraffhorse.com/draftbreeds.html>

1. Clydesdale
2. Percheron
3. Belgian
4. Shire
5. American Cream Draft
6. Suffolk Punch
7. Brabant
8. Mammoth Mule
9. Norwegian Fjord
10. Friesians
11. Gypsy Vanner
12. Halflinger pony
13. Spotted Drafts