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To Whom It May Concern:

At 10 p.m. on the evening of June 23, Fran and Flora Steffan of Forever Free Mustangs presented three mustang foals for treatment at our facility. The foals had apparently been separated from their dams during a helicopter roundup 3-4 days earlier, and were recovered earlier on the day of June 23 and transported to our facility.

Upon arrival, all three foals were obtunded, severely dehydrated (>12%, based on prolonged skin tent duration and capillary refill time), and tick-infested. Two of three foals had limb swellings and injuries, and all were lame due to excessive wear of their hooves and injuries. Two of three also had fevers. All three had severely elevated muscle enzymes consistent with severe over-exertion and elevated BUN due to dehydration; one of the foals had a high normal creatinine (2.0), which we are rechecking today. One of the foals was electrolyte depleted.

Two foals were aged at approximately 6 weeks (101-102, 201-202, 301-302 and 401-402 incisors erupted), and one foal was aged at approximately 4 weeks (101, 201, 301 and 401 incisors erupted and in wear). Their medical condition was consistent with the reported history of 3-4 days as orphans on the range.

Two of the three foals were able to rehydrate themselves adequately when offered oral water and electrolyte solutions and milk replacer; one foal required two liters of intravenous fluids with dextrose to become alert enough to drink. All foals were started on a course of oral antibiotics due to fevers and/or injuries. All foals reportedly did well through the weekend following treatment, and I have an appointment to recheck them this afternoon.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Wendy Krebs, DVM