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What to do

1. Corneal Ulcers
   - Owners should call their veterinarian immediately if they notice any signs of a corneal ulcer.
   - The horse will need to be sedated to clean and treat the eye. Depending on the severity of the ulcer, the veterinarian might prescribe topical or systemic antibiotics.

2. Foreign Body Injuries
   - If a horse has a foreign object in its eye, owners should remain calm and keep the horse calm.
   - If the object is visible, owners should not remove it without the vet's permission. If the foreign body has caused a corneal ulcer, the veterinarian will need to treat it.

Diagnosis

The most common eye emergency Bourne sees in her practice is a corneal ulcer. Corneal ulcers are uncomfortable and typically sensitive to touch and light. They can be caused by anything that is not supposed to be in or around the globe, including hay, grass, hay, or a twig. If not treated promptly, corneal ulcers can lead to more serious problems, such as infection or scarring.

Treatment

Equine ocular insults are painful and sometimes unsightly, but with the help of a practitioner at Wisconsin Equine Clinic & Hospital, in Oconomowoc, the horse's soul.

The horse's eye is a beautiful structure that tells us so much about them, says Rachel Bourne, DVM, a practitioner at Wisconsin Equine Clinic & Hospital, in Oconomowoc. "By looking at the eye, we can tell a lot about the health of the horse."

Because the horse is experiencing pain and discomfort, it is often difficult for owners to notice if their horse has an eye problem. "If a horse has an eye problem, they will often blink a lot, rub their eye, or have a cloudy eye," Bourne says. "If you notice any of these signs, you should call your veterinarian right away."

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