

2017 National FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event

Team Activity – Part 2 Team Scenario and Presentation – 50 Points

Teams will have ten minutes to organize and prepare information and ten minutes to present solutions to judges. This part of the team activity requires all members of the team to work cooperatively to complete the problem-solving portion. Teams will orally present solutions to problems found in the given scenario. Judges may ask clarifying questions to the teams.

a. Reproductive– Management

You are the breeding manager for Silver Spurs Equine located in Scottsdale, AZ. Your facility is one of the leading stallion stations along with providing exceptional mare care. Dawne Jones calls you with some questions about her pregnant mares (Gidget, Gucci, and Andee). Dawne wants to know when to expect them to foal, but doesn't have very much information because she inherited the mares this last fall from her Uncle. The only information Dawne has is that Gucci and Gidget were both last bred within a week of each other. Gidget now has a swollen udder, her "butt" looks funny (sunken), her teats are full, and they have some kind of "film" on them. Gucci, on the other hand, has no signs whatsoever, and looks completely normal. Andee was last bred about 3-4 weeks after the other two. Her udder looks full, but that's about it. Dawne is needing your help so please answer the following questions below:

1. Outline for Dawne the signs of parturition, and *when* each of her mares should foal (according to the "book").
2. Also, outline the management of the mares and foals before and after foaling.
3. Once her mares have foaled what would be the ideal time to breed her mares back?
4. What other information do you think she needs to know?

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