

2016 National FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event

Team Activity – 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.

Health– Management

You are the manager of one of the largest feedlots in the Texas panhandle. At your facility, you are in charge of not only feeding, but health management of all the cattle on feed. In order to do your job efficiently you must ride each lot filled with cattle on horseback to check for any health problems. You have five horses that live at the feedlot and you rotate riding them each day. You feed all horses twice a day with a diet consisting of the following: one scoop of crimped oats, one flake of prairie hay, and one flake of alfalfa hay. As you show up to feed you notice two horses are extremely swollen in the pectoral region and have abnormal abscesses on their chest and belly. You promptly perform a vital and health exam and record that both horses have a temperature of 102 degrees. You are worried as to what disease might be spreading, and start to answer the following questions:

1. What do you think is the problem? Why?
2. How would you treat this after you make the diagnosis?
3. What other short-term and long-term preventative practices would you make to ensure the problem does not arise again?
4. What else would you ask?

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