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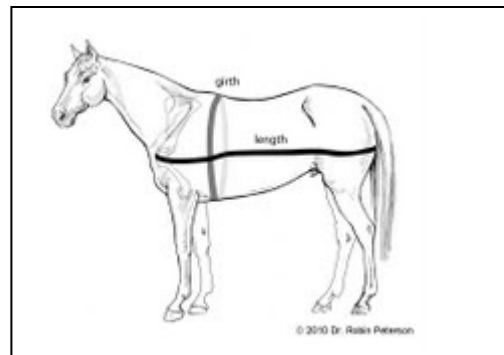
HOW MUCH DOES YOUR HORSE WEIGH?

It's important to know how much your horse weighs for a variety of reasons, such as calculating feed requirements, administering dewormers, and deciding how much medication to provide. Furthermore, most commercial feed preparations base their directions on your horse's weight and activity level. A weight tape provides an estimated weight. For an even better approximation (a scale, of course, is most accurate), use a tape measure:

1. Measure length in inches --a straight line from the point of shoulder to the buttocks.
2. Measure girth in inches (circumference of the horse's body about 4" behind his front legs).

Weight (in lbs) = (Girth X Girth X Length) divided by 330

(To obtain weight in kg, measure length and girth in cm. Use the above formula, except divide by 11,900, instead of 330.)



Keep in mind that a horse can be of normal weight and still develop regional fat deposits along the crest of the neck, back, shoulder, and tail head, indicating insulin resistance (metabolic syndrome).

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