

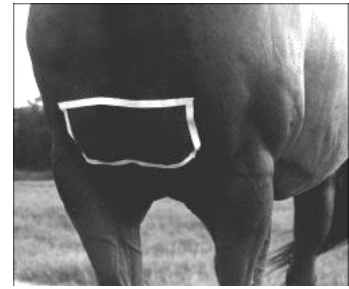
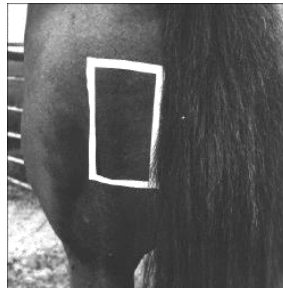
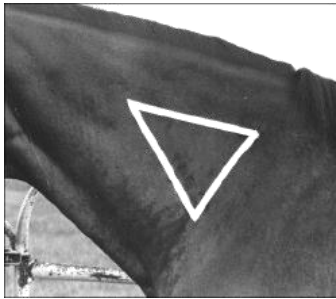


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## **HOW TO GIVE YOUR HORSE AN INTRAMUSCULAR (IM) INJECTION**

Consult your veterinarian about the type of drugs, dosage, proper equipment to use, and the risks involved before administering any injections to your horse.

**Step 1:** Choose an injection site from the diagrams below. Clean the site of obvious dirt and debris.



**Step 2:** Untie the horse and distract him if needed by pinching the skin next to the injection site. Insert a sterile needle confidently through the skin into the muscle up to the needle hub.

**Step 3:** Pull back on the plunger and be sure no blood is visible in the needle hub. If you see blood do not push the plunger, pull the needle out. Use a clean needle and try again to be sure you are in the muscle and not a vein, as this could cause severe reactions to your horse!

**Step 4:** Depress the plunger slowly to inject the medication.

**Step 5:** Remove the needle and dispose of properly in a sharps container.

**Step 6:** Watch your horse closely and contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice any adverse reactions. These could include heavy breathing, swelling of the eyes and muzzle, or collapse.

**NOTE:** When administering repeated doses daily, or for several days, alternate injection sites (for example, left neck to right neck) to prevent muscle soreness. When giving more than one medication or vaccination at the same time, alternate injection sites (for example, from the neck to the buttock) to help prevent drug reactions.