

# Normal Vital Signs

California Veterinary Emergency Team



Species	Heart Rate (beats/min)	Resp Rate (breaths/min)	Temperature (°F)	Mucous Membranes	Capillary Refill Time	Gastrointestinal	Overall Demeanor
Dogs	Small: 100-160 Medium: 60-100 Puppy: 120-160	10-30	100.0-102.8	Pink/moist	<2s	Soft, non painful	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Cats	100-140	20-30	100.0-102.5	Pink/moist	<2s	Soft, non painful	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Rabbits	120-220	30-60	101.0-103	Pink/moist	<2s	Soft, non painful GI sounds present	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Non Flighted Birds (Chickens, Turkeys)	80-120	15-30	100.0-102.0	Firm red comb	<2s	Soft fluctuant crop	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Flighted Birds (Pet Birds, Waterfowl)	>250	15-30	104.0-107.0	Pink/moist	<2s	Soft fluctuant crop	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Horses	Adult: 28-44 Foal: 50-70	Adult: 8-15 Foal: 20-40	Adult: 99-101.5 Foal: 99-102	Pink/moist	<2s	Gut sounds in all four quadrants	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Goat	Adult: 70-110 Kid: 120-160	Adult: 15-40 Kid: 40-65	Adult: 101.5-103.5 Kid: 102-104	Pink/moist	<2s	Rumen contractions + soft rumen	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Sheep	Adult: 60-120 Lamb: 120-160	Adult: 12-72 Lamb: 30-70	Adult: 102-103.5 Lamb: 102.5-104	Pink/moist	<2s	Rumen contractions + soft rumen	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Llama/Alpaca	60-90	10-30	99-102	Pink/moist	<2s	3-4 rumen contractions/min	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Cattle	Adult: 40-80 Calf: 100-140	Adult: 12-36 Calf: 30-60	Adult: 100.5-102.5 Calf: 101.5-103	Pink/moist	<2s	Rumen contractions + soft rumen	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Pigs	70-120	30-50	101.5-103.5	Pink/moist	<2s	Soft, non painful	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)

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## Reptiles

Species	Heart Rate (beats/min) **Difficult to obtain in the field	Resp Rate (breaths/min)	Temperature (°F) *Directly correlates with environment	Mucous Membranes	Capillary Refill Time	Gastrointestinal	Overall Demeanor
Snakes	60-80	Species specific & environmentally dependent	Cool Zone 80.0°F Warm Zone 90.0-95.0°F	Difficult to obtain	Difficult to obtain	N/A	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Turtles	60-80	Species specific & environmentally dependent	Cool Zone 75.0F Warm Zone 85.0-95.0°F	Difficult to obtain	Difficult to obtain	N/A	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)
Lizards	60-80	Species specific & environmentally dependent	Cool Zone 70.0-80.0°F Warm Zone 80.0-100.0°F	Difficult to obtain	Difficult to obtain	N/A	Bright, alert, responsive (BAR)

### Reptile Restraint Reminders:

- Always wear gloves
- Utilize a towel
- Control head and legs while supporting body