



Clinical Signs of Imminent Foaling

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-1 to 2 days prior to foaling abdominal shape changes from a pear shape to oval

-Udder Development

-within 2 to 4 weeks of foaling

-within 12 to 24 days of foaling udder sparkles, glistens

-1 to 6 days prior to foaling

-Milk Production

-udder and teats become dull

-waxing on teats 1 to 2 days prior to foaling

-200 ppm calcium concentration equates to foaling within 3 days

-milk magnesium concentration spike within 12 hours of foaling

-Muscle and Vulvar Relaxation

-croup muscles relax, tail head stand out prominently

-1 to 6 days prior to foaling tail head relaxes

-rump and ham muscles relax

-1 to 4 days prior to foaling, vulva relaxes and elongates

-Attitude and Behavior Changes

-becoming cranky, flattening ears more

-separating herself from the herd

-nesting, rearranging her bedding to create a soft bed in just the desired spot