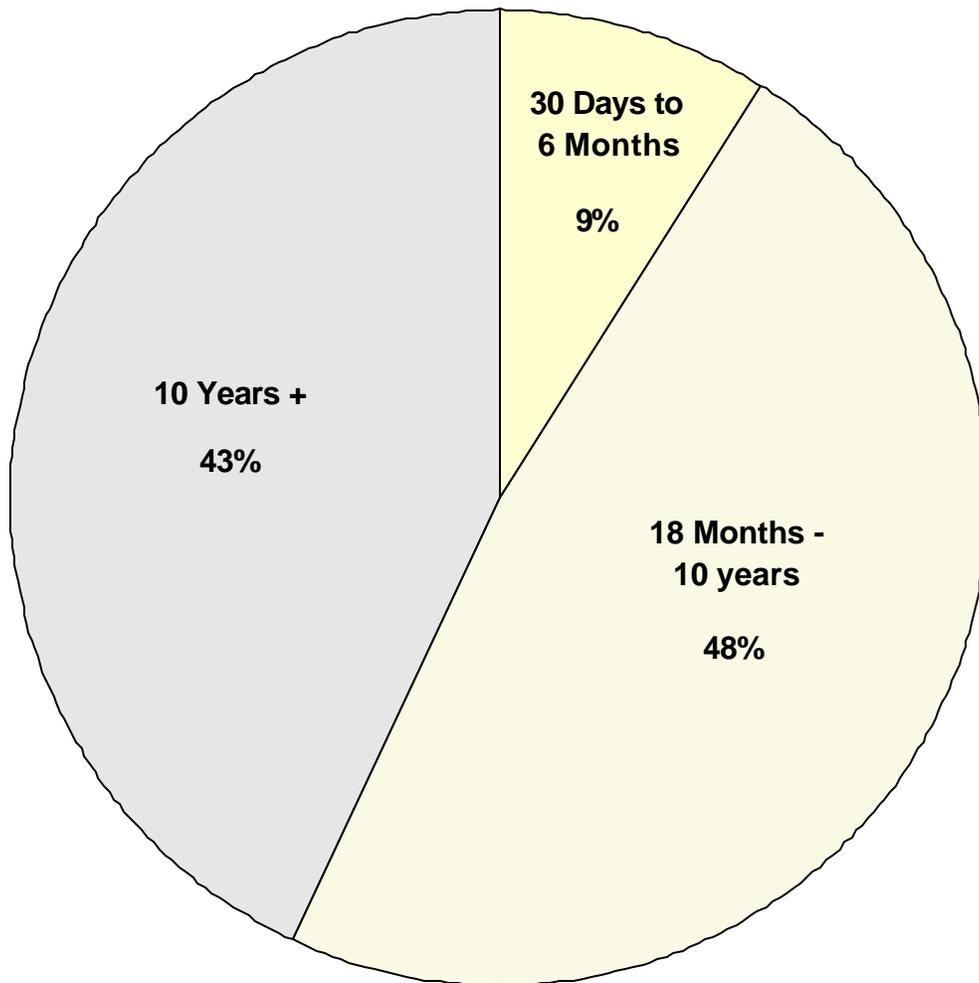




CAUSE OF EQUINE DEATHS, INDIANA 2001 DYSTOCIA AND OTHER REPRODUCTIVE PROBLEMS

Dystocia- Dystocia is a term that describes any type of foaling problem that prevents the foal from being delivered without assistance. Dystocia can either be fetal (foal) in nature, or maternal (mare). Maternal dystocia can include failure of the uterus to contract, torsion (twisting) of the uterus, or pelvic problems that prevent the foal from passing through the birth canal. Fetal dystocias include the foal being improperly positioned (e.g. head or leg back, breech) and malformation of the foal. Although dystocia is not a common problem in mares, it can be very serious, and frequently the mare and/or the foal are lost. It is imperative to call a veterinarian as soon as you suspect a dystocia.



This Condition Caused 210 Deaths
5 Percent of the 4,400 Total Equine Deaths