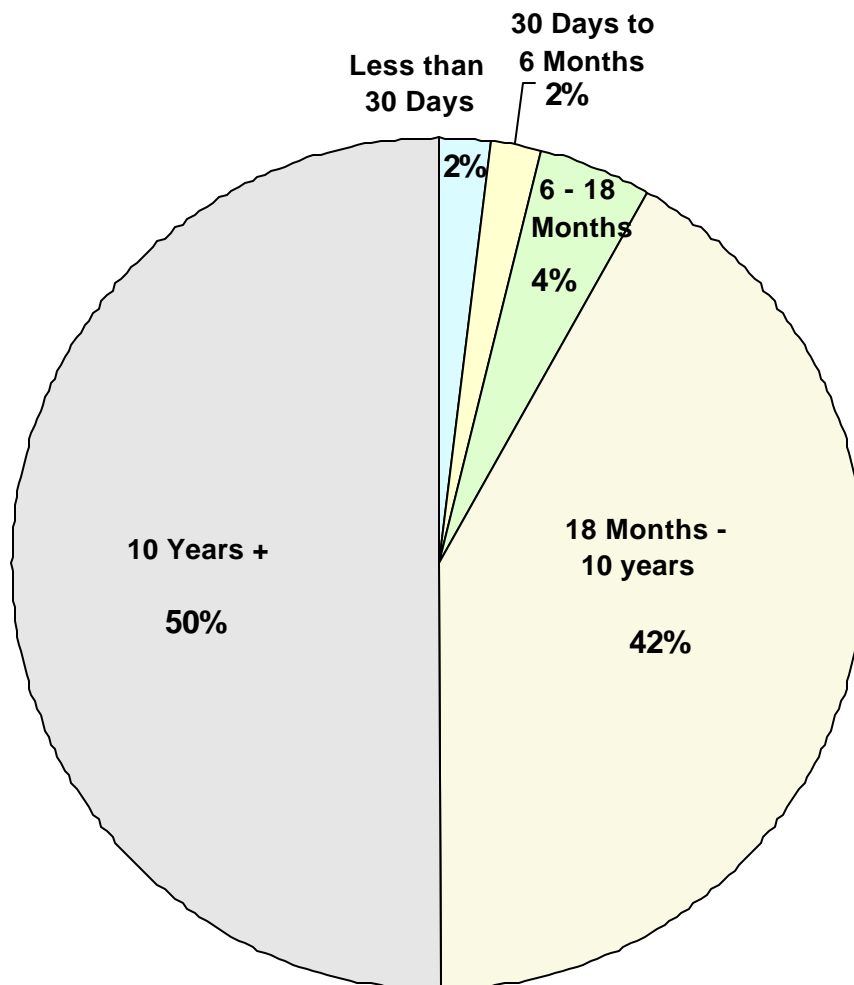


SOURCE OF EQUINE HEALTH AFFLICTIONS, INDIANA 2001 COLIC AND OTHER DIGESTIVE DISEASES

Colic is a general term for various digestive tract problems characterized by abdominal pain and discomfort. Colic can be divided into three general categories (spasmodic, impaction, twisted intestine), depending on what is causing the pain, and the type of pain. If a horse is showing the signs of colic, restlessness, abdominal pain, frequently getting up and down, a veterinarian should be called immediately. Some colics can be treated medically, while others require surgery if the horse's life is to be saved. Colic can be caused by overfeeding, poor quality feed, contaminated feed, overwork, and other causes. One of the most common causes of colic is parasite infestation.



Total Affected = 8,510 Equine
5 Percent of all Indiana Equine