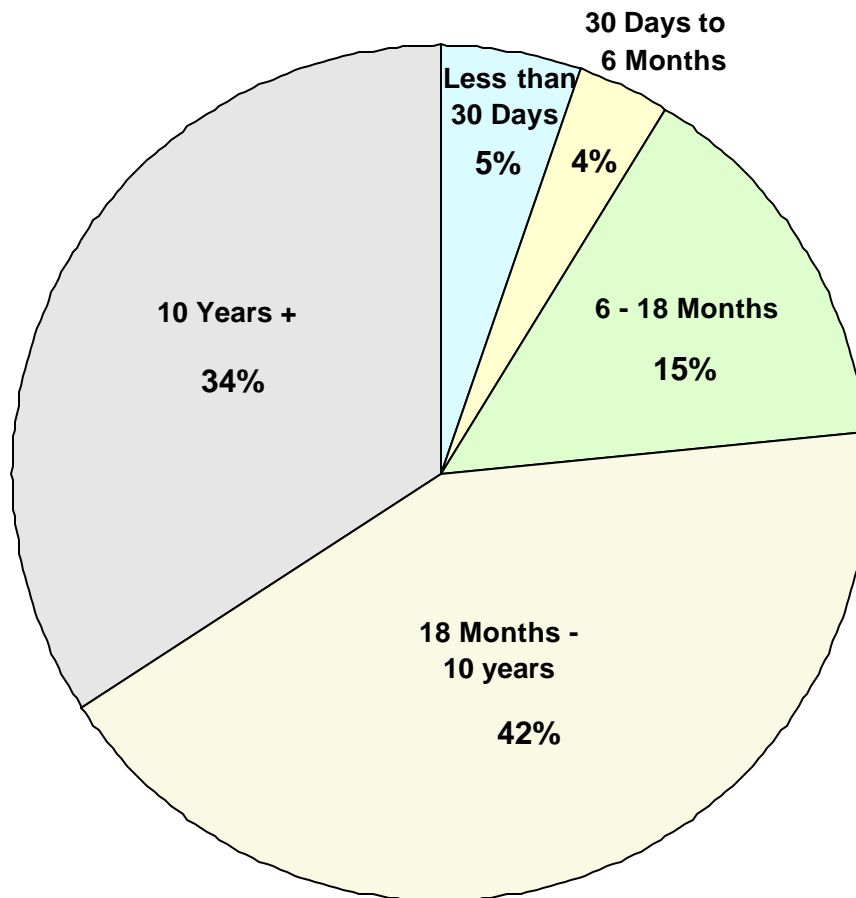




SOURCE OF EQUINE HEALTH AFFLICTIONS, INDIANA 2001 HEAVES AND OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES

Heaves (COPD)- Heaves is the common name for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Chronic heaves is similar to asthma in humans, and is characterized by coughing, wheezing, and shortness of breath, especially after exercise. The horse needs to utilize extra energy to exhale, so a "heave line", a ridge of overdeveloped abdominal muscle, may become apparent. Although there is not a cure for heaves, horses that are exposed to a minimum of dust do show fewer symptoms. Maintaining horses on pasture will also minimize the symptoms of heaves.



Total Affected = 4,990 Equine
3 Percent of all Indiana Equine