

## Stable – indoor housing

The need for social contact with other horses should be kept in mind when designing accommodation for horses.

### How to do it well...

- When considering space requirements, the time the horse spends in the box should be taken into account. The box should be larger if the horse is stabled for a major part of the day.
- Individual boxes should **fit the size** of the horse so that the horse can lie down in natural lateral position (with extended legs, neck and head), turn around and get up unimpeded, and stand in a natural position.
- The lying area for horses should be non-slippery and provided with an adequate amount of suitable bedding material to ensure a **dry and comfortable** resting area.
- The upper part of the partitions between boxes should not be solid, but allow horses to see each other and allow adequate ventilation.
- **Dust levels, relative air humidity, temperature and gas concentrations** should be kept to non-harmful levels.



**!** *It is recommended to give daily access to paddocks or pasture.*

### Group housing

- ✓ The total floor area should allow free movement, sufficient access and space at feeding and watering stations
- ✓ The bedded lying area should be large enough to allow all horses to lie down undisturbed at the same time
- ✓ Dead-ends and sharp corners should be avoided to prevent horses from being trapped
- ✓ The design of the group housing system should ensure that all horses are able to move away from each other and to access feed and water at any time
- ✓ Care should be taken to select groups of horses that are compatible