

Preventative Health Care Recommendations

Vaccination Schedule

1. EW Encephalitis & Tetanus - 2x/year (Spring & Fall)
2. Flu / Rhino – every 2 – 6 months, depending on show schedule
3. West Nile – 1x/year (preferably before WN season, which is Aug-Oct)
4. Strangles – annual in endemic areas (horses less than 4 are more susceptible)
5. Rabies – annual
6. Potomac Horse Fever (PHF) – annual for any horses traveling north
7. Tetanus Toxoid – any horse lacerated or developing an abscess that has not been vaccinated within 6 months.
8. Tetanus Antitoxin + Tetanus Toxoid – any horse lacerated or developing an abscess that has not been vaccinated within 6 months AND has never received a tetanus vaccination.
9. Foals – 1st vaccinations of EWT/WN @ 4-5 months, Flu Rhino @7-8 months
*both need to be boosted 1 month from date of 1st vaccine
10. Pregnant Mares – Rhinopneumonitis @ 5, 7, 9 months of gestation & booster all vaccinations 1 month prior to foaling.

Deworming

Foals:

1. Deworm mares 12-24 hours after foaling (i.e. Ivermectin)
2. Deworm foals @ 6-8 weeks for Round Worms (i.e. Strongid, Safeguard, Anthelcide)
3. Continue to deworm every month until 8 mos (i.e. Ivermectin or one of the above)
4. Deworm for tapes and bots in Fall (i.e. Quest Plus - take care with weight/dosage, Equimax, or Zimectin Gold)

Horses:

Fecal Egg Count – deworm according to need
(Ideally 2x/year, Quest in the Spring & Quest Plus in the fall)

Sand Control

1. Psyllium – 2oz. 2x/day for 7 days, once a month.
*to facilitate sand removal, feed a good quantity hay source at the rate of 15-25lbs/1,000lbs of body weight per day and add a moist bran mash 1x/day once a week with 1/3-1/4 gallon oil added.
2. Check fecal sample for sand on a regular basis

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