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EQUINE INFECTIOUS DISEASES & DEWORMING

ALL HORSES

- *Eastern and Western Encephalitis (sleeping sickness)* – Carried by mosquitoes; vaccinate yearly.
- *Tetanus* – Bacteria in the environment; vaccinate yearly, booster at time of wound or surgery.
- *West Nile Virus* – Carried by mosquitoes and causes neurological disease; vaccinate yearly and booster in late summer.
- *Rabies* – Fatal viral disease that can be transmitted to humans; vaccinate yearly.
- *Rhinopneumonitis (Equine Herpes Virus)*
 - EHV – 1 is abortive form – help prevent abortion by vaccinating pregnant mares at 5, 7, 9, months of pregnancy.
 - EHV – 4 is respiratory form, transmitted horse to horse. Vaccinate yearly along with flu.
- *Influenza (flu)* – Respiratory virus transmitted horse to horse; vaccinate yearly in horses; additional boosters may be necessary in performance horses that travel frequently.
- *Strangles* – Bacterial respiratory disease that is transmitted horse to horse; vaccinate yearly in horses that travel or at boarding/training barns.
- *Potomac Horse Fever* – Bacterial disease occurs primarily in August – October. Evidence suggests transmission involves snails and mayflies, with horses near water particularly at risk. Vaccinate yearly in spring and booster in late summer.
- *Equine Viral Arteritis* – Causes respiratory disease and abortion; consult your vet for specific need.

FOALS

- **From vaccinated mares:** vaccinate for Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, and West Nile Virus at 4-6 months and booster 4-5 weeks later; Rabies vaccine at 6 months to 1 year of age. Consult with your vet on specific recommendations.
- **From unvaccinated mares:** vaccinate for Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, Rabies and West Nile Virus at 1-2 months and booster 4-5 weeks later. Consult with your vet on specific recommendations.

PREGNANT MARES

- Vaccinate for Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, West Nile, Rhinopneumonitis, and Influenza 4-6 weeks prior to foaling.
- Pneumabort K Vaccine (EHV-1) at 5, 7, and 9 months of pregnancy.

DEWORMING

ALL HORSES

- Deworm based on results of fecal exam, which indicates a horse's parasite load. Consult with your Veterinarian to formulate a deworming schedule.

FOALS

- Begin deworming foals at 2 months of age. Rotate between ivermectin and pyrantel monthly until 1 year of age, then resume adult deworming schedule.

PREGNANT MARES

- Deworm as usual during pregnancy, making sure the product is approved for use in pregnant mares; deworm 4-6 weeks prior to foaling.

COGGINS TEST

- Equine Infectious Anemia – Virus that is transmitted by biting insects, and causes lifelong disease. A negative test certificate is now required for all horses within 6 to 12 months prior to the date of an exhibition or interstate travel.