



EQUINE GUELPH HEALTHflash



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Fall 2014

Dear Horse Enthusiast,

Share this important information with friends and help support horse welfare.



Alert: Wellington County, ON - **West Nile Virus Confirmed**
Alert: ON - **EEEV**
Alert: QC - **Equine Herpesvirus - 1**

FALL IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

HORSE CARE TIPS You will be thankful for!



- You Can Perform a 16-point Horse Health Check in 15 minutes**

Equine Guelph's [barn poster](#) makes it easy to assess your horses health. [Learn more](#) about this system which helps horse owners pick up on warning signs before they become serious.

- Nutrition Myths?**

The grass this fall is still abundant - my horse can be sustained on pasture alone. NOT NECESSARILY - grass at this time of year is typically high in fibre but lower in nutrition - additional feed may be required to maintain a healthy weight. [More myths...](#)

- Body Condition Score** Do you know your horses score? How about the difference between weight and condition? Learn how to figure out if your horse is an ideal five - six before the winter months and remember to monitor your horse's body condition score often, every season to avoid changes in weight (especially after those blankets go on). [Hands on Help for Your Horse.](#)



Top Seasonal Tips

- Take care of tapeworms* - Parasite control for tapeworms is recommended in the spring or fall. These tricky worms do not show up on your fecal test. [Learn more...](#)
- Fencing before freezing* - Fall is the ticking clock to finish up farm chores including paddock maintenance. [Check out this fencing information.](#)
- Protect your hay investment* - by storing it in a dry, well-ventilated area to prevent it from spoiling. Also make sure it is elevated from the ground (pallets or tires work well) to stop moisture from creeping in. [More facts about quality hay.](#)
- Ready for flu season?* If you attend fall fairs with your horse it is a good idea to update your horse's [flu shot.](#)
- Keep seniors sound* - Equine Guelph's latest horse health care tool provides information on how to promote quality of life in aging equids. Seniors often need their teeth checked twice a year as they are more prone to developing sharp points. [Test your knowledge with the Senior Horse Challenge.](#)

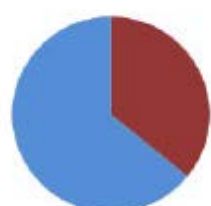
For more information on online educational courses - [click here](#)

Please note: This information provides guidelines only and should never replace information from your veterinarian.

TAKE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Survey

Last issue we asked: Do you take a fecal sample as part of your de-worming program?



56% of survey respondents perform fecal testing.

We love your feedback.

Our next HEALTHflash will reveal the answer to the following question:

What is your primary source of information about equine health?

Vet/Other

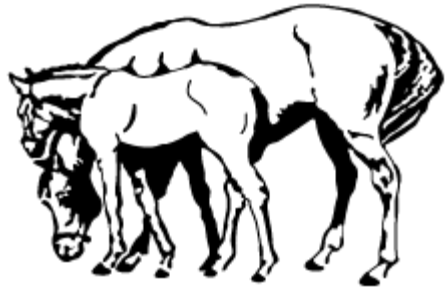
Helpful Video



Avoid oversteering your horse - carefully plan exercise regimes

"YEAR OF FULL-CIRCLE-RESPONSIBILITY" - 2014

Lifetime Planning for Horses



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- Download this [athlete management for lifetime planning fact sheet](#)
- [arthritis fact sheet](#)



Common Leg Injuries - Prevention and Treatment

Many of the injuries encountered in athletic horses are the result of repetitive strain/overuse. The following article will look at some common injuries of the suspensory ligament, stifle and sacro-iliac joint and discuss prevention and treatment options.

Early detection and treatment can make the difference between retiring a horse and keeping it sound throughout its lifetime.

[Read the full article...](#)

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