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YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

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Greetings!

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



Advisory: OMNRF RABIES UPDATE - [Ontario](#)

Advisory: [What horse owners should know about Zika Virus](#)

SPRING IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

• Avoid Lameness

Veterinarians are ready every spring for an increase in calls regarding lameness. What can the horse owner do for detection and prevention of Spring-time strains and sprains? [Lameness Lab](#)

• Managing Mud

This excellent article on the health hazards of mud on horse farms discusses: skin diseases, soft feet, abscesses, mud fever, leg injuries... [Read on](#)

Then check out [mud management systems](#)

• Feed Changes and Colic

Take Equine Guelph's 2-week [Colic Prevention eWorkshop](#) April 11 - 24 2016.

Learn the importance of making feed changes slowly to avoid upsets in the horses hind gut and the [scientific research](#) behind this theory.

Equine Guelph's online course is only \$75 + HST but can save a horse owner thousands of dollars and the emotional upset of dealing with



Top Seasonal Tips

1. *Nutrition right from the start* - Last year's comprehensive article with nutrition expert Don Kapper is a great reference to give foals the best start. Now available in a [fact sheet](#)
2. *Baby steps* - Important information for breeders in Equine Guelph's 12-week online courses including - [Equine Growth & Development](#) and [Equine Genetics](#)
3. *All systems go* - Hydration is more than

this number one killer of horses, other than old age. [Register now](#)



REDUCE YOUR COLIC RISK

SIGN UP for the COLIC PREVENTION eWorkshop

hype. The correct balance of water and body salts controls everything from the brain to the gut. [Read on](#)

4. *Tale of the teeth*- Watch this [video](#) for the life cycle of a horse from teething to a full mouth. Your horse requires annual or biannual dental maintenance as advised by your veterinarian.
5. *Protect your horse from pests*- Remember to remove standing water wherever possible to eliminate insect breeding grounds. From shelters to sprays; there are many more ways to keep the bugs away. [Read on](#)

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

Equine Welfare is now an elective in the Equine Studies Diploma!

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

HAVE YOU HEARD?

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Happy APP users

"I'm not usually an App user but I tried this one because Equine Guelph created it. Now I have a 16-point horse health check at my fingertips for every barn I visit. This is so handy when I take on new clients. It gives me a baseline of what is normal for that horse as far as vitals go, checks hydration, capillary refill time and is a great guide to make sure nothing is missed on the full body check while grooming. I can't believe the body condition score, weight calculator and horse health check are all free in this amazing app! Planning on trying the \$5 upgrade for tracking my own horses next. The appointment reminders are likely going to come in handy with my busy schedule!"

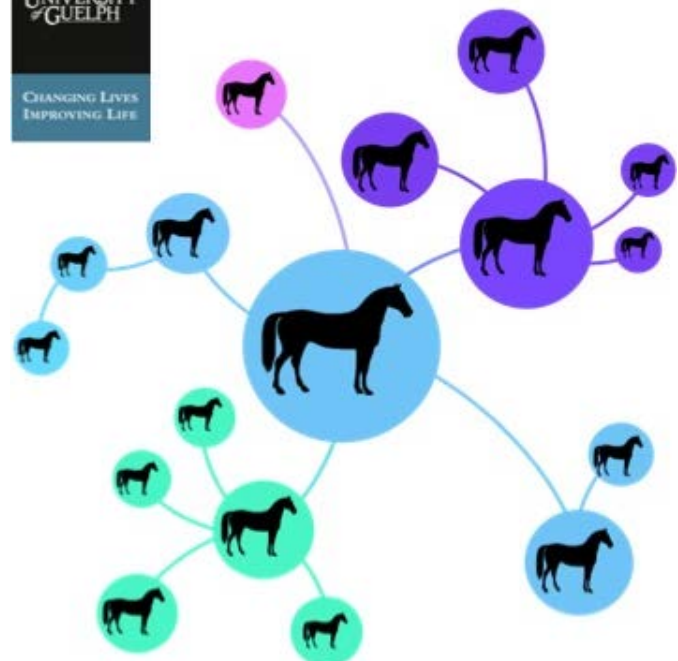
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So far you have told us we are right on track.

Equine Guelph wants your input on our new Horse Health Tracker App



Research Podcast



Participants in a recent study on

Take this 2 minute Survey

horse movement and biosecurity reveal high engagement and good practices. [Read on](#) & listen to podcast.

2016 "YEAR OF BIOSECURITY"



MYTH Busters: I vaccinate therefore my biosecurity plan is done.

Vaccination is an important component in a [biosecurity plan](#) but not the only line of defence to protect horses from infectious disease.

See Equine Guelph's [resource page](#) for more information on access control, cleaning, isolation protocols, traveling with your horse... and get your copy of the new National Farm Level Biosecurity standard.

It's Coming!

The new National Farm-Level Biosecurity standard for the Equine Sector

It will be the first document of its kind, providing a detailed scientific approach to biosecurity, making it a good reference tool. A producers guide will also be published giving horse owners useful "how to" information. Both aim to help reduce the risk of disease transmission, minimize the impact of outbreaks and improve health and welfare of horses.

Equine Guelph was one of many, who sat on the development committee for this new standard, developed through a partnership of Equine Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), in collaboration with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

Vaccination Equi-Planner

Take ten minutes to gain a customized immunization schedule using the Equine Guelph [Vaccination Equi-Planner](#).

Vaccines are an important part of your horse's preventative health program. The Vaccination Equi-Planner is an educational resource of Equine Guelph and the University of Guelph.

Discuss your individual needs with your veterinarian.



[More on the immune system and how vaccines work](#)

[Vaccination Infographic](#)

[6 Videos on Vaccination explaining factors including age, location, risk...](#)

Equine Guelph is spreading the word, not the germs; highlighting key points of the new standard. Stay tuned for monthly E-News features.

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