



EQUINE GUELPH HEALTHflash



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Spring 2014

Dear Equine Enthusiast,



Alert: For Woodbine Racetrack, Toronto, ON - EHV-1
Alert: For Yellowhead County, Alberta - Equine Infectious Anemia
Advisory: For Manitoba - 2 rabies cases reported in 2013

SPRING IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

SPRING IS IN THE AIR Soggy is your Soil



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- **Mud Fever**
Scratches, greasy heel, dermatitis - no matter what you call it, it irritates your horse's skin and has potential to do deeper damage. [Read on...](#)
- **Vaccinations**
Consult your veterinarian when choosing core vaccines. Just because your horse stays at home, does not mean he is protected against disease. [Check out personalized immunization schedules for your horse.](#)
- **Parasite Control**
Piles of manure accumulating since winter? Don't forget pasture management in your parasite control program. [Learn more](#)
- **Safety**



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



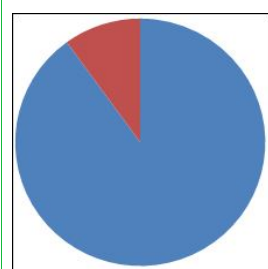
Top Seasonal Tips

1. *Stay on solid ground* - Although it may be tempting to have a spring fling ride on the trails, be wary of soft conditions. Slippery footing is a major cause of tendon damage. Keep off the grass until you are sure it is safe.
2. *Something smelly afoot* - Thrush is more than just a foul odour. [Stamp out](#) this fungal infection before it leads to lameness.
3. *Slick ways to combat mud* - Stable soil reduces the chance of injuries due to slipping. [Read on...](#) More systems to [minimize mud](#).
4. *Laminitis* - Too much spring grass is only one cause. [Beware of diets high in starch, sugars and fructans.](#)
5. *Biosecurity* - Keep infectious disease from ruining plans for your upcoming season. Use Equine Guelph's [Biosecurity Risk Calculator](#).
6. *Pitter patter of little hooves* - If you are awaiting a special delivery, check out this [resource video](#).

TAKE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Survey

Have you ever re-purposed a racehorse for a second career?



71% of over 100 participants replied they have re-posed a racehorse for a second career.

We love your feedback. Our next HEALTHflash will reveal the answer to the following question:

Do you buy nutritional supplements for your horse(s)?

Yes/No

Helpful Video



Dr. Peregrine discusses drug resistance and parasite control

Now that you know the importance of fecal testing - watch this Equine Guelph video, on [how to collect your sample](#), kindly sponsored by Vétoquinol .

"YEAR OF FULL-CIRCLE-RESPONSIBILITY" - 2014

Transporting Safely



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Support the Welfare of Horses

- [Learn before you load.](#) Download these useful checklists to help you both arrive safely at your destinations.



Trailer With Safety in Mind

Make every trip a positive experience by planning it out ahead of time to ensure that your horse arrives safe. Learn what you can do to minimize undue stress and avoid mishaps.

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

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