



# EQUINE GUELPH HEALTHflash



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Summer 2015

Dear Horse Enthusiast,

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



**Advisory:** Lyme disease in Canada - [Check yourself and your animals for ticks](#)

## SUMMER IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

### SUMMER SIZZLES Protect your Horse



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#### • Replacing Nutrients

Don Kapper speaks at the University of Guelph sharing the importance of replenishing nutrients, amino acids, electrolytes and more to keep horses in optimal performance. [Read on...](#)

#### • Poison in your Pasture?

Can you recognize plants which are hazardous to your horse's health? [Review OMAFRA's fact sheet.](#)



### Top Seasonal Tips

1. *Cover up* - Melanoma and sun burn are not just human conditions. Keep some sun screen for sensitive skin at the barn for those pink and light coloured noses. An ideal turn out paddock has shelter providing shade and a reprieve from the heat and bugs.
2. *Biosecurity on the road* - On the move this summer? Avoid bringing infection home. Equine Guelph's [Biosecurity Risk Calculator](#).
3. *Stop skin from crawling* - Fly masks on and done! Wait a minute, where did all these skin problems come from? [More details on dealing with skin irritations](#)

- **Progress in Pain Recognition**

Hiding pain is one of the top survival skills of the horse. An important part of horse ownership is learning to recognize the signs a horse may be in discomfort rather than dismissing certain subtle cues as just bad behaviour. [Read on...](#)

- **Wound Care 101**

Equine Guelph has partnered with Greenhawk offering an extensive first aid kit. Over \$55 in savings! [Find out more](#)

[and allergies.](#)

4. *Let those hooves breathe* - While hoof moisturizers and hardeners can be beneficial, many hoof polishes create a seal that can dry out the wall.
5. *Go over the ground* - Dealing with unwanted visitors such as ground hogs digging on your farm? [Tips...](#)
6. *Don't Dehydrate* - Review prevention including using the [heat stress index chart](#) with Dr. Brianne Henderson. Also check out these [2 helpful videos](#) from Equine Guelph's new [Horse Health Tracker app](#).

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

### Surveys

Thank you to all who signed up for the Horse movement Survey running from May - November this year!



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

**Do you practice calendar-based rotational deworming?**

[Yes/No](#)

### Helpful Video



Fecal testing - For Parasite Control

Find out why more and more horse owners are turning to fecal testing before choosing when to worm and with what.

## 2015 "YEAR OF FULL-CIRCLE-RESPONSIBILITY"

### Code of Practice - Decoded



**Do You know the Code?  
For the Care and Handling of Equines**

Equine Guelph's Code Decoder is a new healthcare tool comprised of a series of checklists based on the Code or Practice.

## Husbandry Practices

Since the first domestication of the horse thousands of years ago, we have certainly come a long way in our learning and approaches for husbandry practices. We have also moved ahead in the development of new knowledge on the impact of horse welfare from those practices.

[Read about](#) new requirements for horse care and welfare including changes in tail docking, pain management and other husbandry practices.

There are a total of 9 sections and it will take you approximately 15 minutes to complete.

The CODE DECODER is a fast, easy way to learn the National Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines.



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