



EQUINE GUELPH HEALTH *flash*



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Summer 2017

Greetings!

Happy Canada Day everyone!!! Share this important information with friends and help support horse welfare.



Alert: Rabies update - [Ontario](#).

Advisory: Ecotype of *Neorickettsia risticii* Causing Potomac Horse Fever - [Canada](#)

In case you missed it: Dr. Arroyo from Ontario Veterinary College, [Equine Lyme Project podcast](#)

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SUMMER IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

THE HEAT IS ON!



"I WAS GOING TO DRINK THAT. ... UH, NEVER MIND."

Top Seasonal Tips

1. *Poison in your paddock?* - Can you identify these nine poisonous plants? **Take the OMAFRA quiz!**
2. *Sensitive to Bug Bites?* - a fly sheet can provide relief for horses that are allergic to bug bites or fly sprays.
For more pest control **Read on...**
3. *Advice for the walking wounded* - And what not to do before the vet arrives.
Read on...
4. Fecal tests not folly - Watch Video: **how and why to collect a fecal sample...**

Hot Tips for Staying Cool

Learn how horses thermoregulate and what you can do to make sure they beat the summer heat!

- 4 ways horses lose heat
- water requirements
- recognize dehydration
- know the signs of heat stress
- using electrolytes
- myths on cooling out properly

[Check out this HOT infographic!](#)

SHORT ONLINE COURSES
Fall 2017/Winter 2018

- Horse Behaviour & Safety (Adult)
- Horse Behaviour & Safety (Youth)
- Horse Care & Welfare
- Gut Health & Colic Prevention
- Sickness Prevention in Horses

TheHorsePortal.ca

5. *Boggled by biosecurity?* - Summer is the season for fun trips (often with your horse). Find out how you can reduce your risk of infectious disease with the [Biosecurity Risk Calculator](#).
6. Getting pudgy on pasture? - Keeping track of Body Condition Score (BCS) and balancing a horse's nutrition and exercise program are just as important in the summer months to avoid the health concerns associated with obesity. [Learn more about BCS](#).



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For more information on 12-week online educational courses, certificate & diploma programs- [click here](#)

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

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Youth online learning!

[Horse Behaviour and Safety](#)
Oct. 2 - 22, 2017

This new 3-week online course represents the first online training offering by Equine Guelph for youth in Canada (ages 14 - 17) with equine aspirations.

Healthcare Tool of the Month



The [CODE DECODER](#) is a fast, easy way to start learning about the National Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Equines.



Learning to speak horse and understand horse behaviour leads to increased safety when handling equines. Practical on-farm management topics are also covered: fire safety, trailer loading and other barn and paddock safety best practices.

SPECIAL 10% DISCOUNT
FOR MEMBERS of [provincial equine federations](#) and [Saddle Up Safely](#).

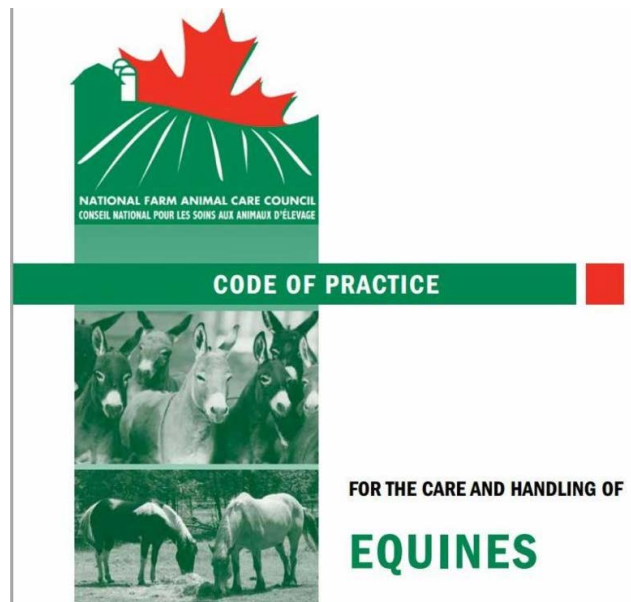
FREE courses available for the first 50 [4-H Ontario Horse Club Members](#) and [OEF Junior Members](#) to sign up.

Adult offering will also run concurrently Oct 2 - 22, 2017.

A great opportunity for parents to further their interest in horses and/or share in the passion of the young horse lover in their family.

JOIN THE HERD AND REGISTER AT: TheHorsePortal.ca

[Read on...](#)



Have you read the code? Please supply your feedback via survey. This survey is a precursor to the development of an animal care assessment program for equines.

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