



PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE

We at Equine Medical Services are dedicated to insuring the optimum health of your horse with preventative health care being the most effective way to achieve this goal. We recommend the following program:

VACCINATION

- FOALS:** Vaccination of foals should begin between 2 and 3 months of age, with a booster required 2 weeks later.
- ◆ Sleeping Sickness (Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis)
 - ◆ Tetanus
 - ◆ West Nile (booster required and then repeated in summer)
 - ◆ Rhinopneumonitis
 - ◆ Influenza
 - ◆ Strangles
 - ◆ Rabies (if risk factors are high)
- ADULTS:** Most adult horses should be vaccinated at least once a year, preferably twice, with show horses and horses located in areas of high equine traffic receiving a Rhinopneumonitis and Influenza booster every 60-90 days.
- ◆ Sleeping Sickness (Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis)
 - ◆ Tetanus
 - ◆ West Nile (spring and summer)
 - ◆ Influenza
 - ◆ Rhinopneumonitis
 - ◆ Strangles
 - ◆ Rabies (if risk factors are high)
- BROODMARES:** Broodmares should be vaccinated as other adults with yearly boosters provided 4 weeks prior to foaling date. They should also receive Rhinopneumonitis vaccinations during the fifth, seventh, and ninth months of gestation to prevent Rhinopneumonitis abortions.

DEWORMING

- FOALS:** Deworming of foals should begin at 1-2 months of age and should be repeated every 6 weeks for the first year. The first deworming should be with a non-Ivermectin product.
- ADULTS:** Deworming of adults horses should be done at least quarterly. With many horses on small acreage or in stalls, we recommend deworming every 6-8 weeks. Daily dewormers are also available.
- We recommend that the type of dewormer used be alternated each time you deworm. We will be happy to guide your worming program, as a change in chemical class, not brand name, is necessary to eliminate resistant parasites. In order to make sure that your deworming program is adequate, a fecal exam should be performed 10-14 days before and after deworming.

DENTAL CARE

Maintaining dental health is important not only to allow your horse to eat properly, but also to insure proper response to the bit and help avoid tooth loss later in life. Dental exams should be performed yearly on most horses, although some horses will require more frequent care. Most dental work can be performed on the farm, but some problems are better served with an in-clinic appointment.

HOOF CARE

Healthy hooves are a very important aspect of your horse's overall health and soundness. Most horses will do quite well with routine trimming and shoeing. Some horses may require special shoeing. Consult your farrier on the program of shoeing and trimming best suited to your horse. If your horse requires any special shoeing, we are available to work with you and your farrier to develop the best possible plan for your horse.