



# EQUINE GUELPH HEALTH *flash*



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Fall 2017

## Greetings!

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



**Alert:** Equine Infectious Anemia - [Manitoba CBC news](#)

**Advisory:** Update on Rabies - [Canada](#)

## FALL IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

### SENSATIONAL SENIORS!



#### Special Features in Support of the Senior Horse

- Take note of Body Condition Score and monitor throughout the upcoming winter months. Do you know the **risk factors** outside the 4-6 range?
- **Nutrition considerations** for the Senior Horse

### Top Seasonal Tips

1. *Vexed by ventilation?* - OMAFRA has great resources to help you improve air quality in your barn. [Read on...](#)
2. *Final flu shot?* - You vaccinated in the spring but if you are going to fall fairs, you may want to consider a booster. [Read on...](#)
3. *Foal vaccines* - Nearly time to wean and vaccinate. Vaccinate at least two weeks ahead of weaning so stress is less likely to be a factor in a good response to the vaccines. [Visit Vaccination EquiPlanner...](#)
4. *Before ground becomes bare* - Don't wait until pasture is next to nil. Protect your pasture and your horse's digestive system by slowly introducing more hay. The microbes in the cecum are less likely to be upset when there is a slow transition. Your horse is also less likely to sample poisonous weeds as grass becomes more scarce. [More pasture management tips...](#)

- **EMS Research** shows differences in Gut Microflora
- Take the **Senior Horse Challenge**

**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. *Remove manure rather than harrow* - If harrowing is part of your parasite control program, the change to cooler, temperatures is the time to cease. Moisture and temperate conditions provide an environment for eggs to hatch and larvae to thrive. **Have you performed a fecal test this year?**
6. *Fall nutritional know-how* - What changes and remains the same to keep your horse in healthy condition. **Learn more.**
7. Be prepared for an emergency - register for **Large Animal Rescue Operational Rescue Course**  
Meaford Fire Department Training Centre, Meaford, ON. Nov 17 - 19, 2017

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?

### Starts Today!

#### Horse Behaviour and Safety for Youth 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.



Learning to speak horse and understand

### Healthcare Tool of the Month

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](#).**

**Adult offering running 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](http://TheHorsePortal.ca)**

**[Read on...](#)**



From metabolic disorders to locomotion related concerns – pain recognition to general management including dental care, the **Senior Horse Challenge** tests your knowledge of geriatric care.

Equine Guelph is pleased to announce additional resources on **Dental Care for the senior horse** and **Osteoarthritis** provided courtesy of Alex Bianco, MS, DVM, University of Minnesota.

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**[Take the Senior Horse Challenge](#)**

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