



EQUINE GUELPH HEALTHflash



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Winter 2015

Dear Horse Enthusiast,



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



Recap: ON - 2014 worst year for EEE

FALL IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

Wise Winterizing Ice & Dust & Snow! Oh my.



- Cut Down on Dust Devils**
 More time spent indoors during foul weather can do a number on your horses health. Muck stalls more frequently (preferably without the horse in the stall). Take precautions to reduce dust in feed and maintain the footing in the indoor riding arena on a weekly basis. [Read on for more preventative measures...](#)
- Why you may not want to dash through deep snow**
 Deep snow can hide dangerous holes and hazards. The hard work of riding through several feet of snow or an unexpected slip can cause muscle, tendon and ligament injuries. [More tips on winter riding...](#)
- Ice** is the enemy of both horses and their owners. In troughs, ice can inhibit horses from consuming an adequate amount of water which in turn can lead to colic. A heated water source is best for encouraging horses to drink. On pathways and in paddocks, ice can cause injuries resulting from slipping and sliding. Keep shovels, shavings, sand and salt handy. Ice in water pipes can lead to a real mess if they freeze solid, causing a potential rupture and then a subsequent flood. Protect your pipes, stable and water supply with adequate insulation.



Top Seasonal Tips

- Clear the path** - There are more pathways on your farm than just to the parking lot! Consider where emergency vehicles might need to access your property, such as laneways and gates to paddocks.
- Vacation preparation** - You have earned some downtime. Set your mind at ease while you are on holiday by making sure your emergency protocol is up to par with this [handy checklist](#).
- Take time to learn** - Winter is a perfect time to curl up with an informative eWorkshop. Registration is now open for Equine Guelph's next 2 week online offering of Behaviour and Safety (Feb 23 - Mar 8) with world renowned guest speaker Dr. Rebecca Giminez from Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue. [More details](#).
- Plan a Clinic** - Industry professionals: Once you have completed Equine Guelph's Behaviour and Safety eWorkshop you are set to host your own workshop using our [facilitator kit](#).
- Keep seniors content** - Are you blanketing your aging equid because he looks a bit lean this season or has he grown more winter woolies than ever before? Learn to recognize metabolic changes to promote quality of life in elderly equines. [Test your knowledge with the Senior Horse Challenge](#).

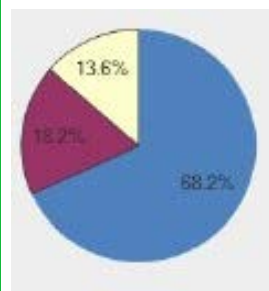
For more information on online educational courses - [click here](#)

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

TAKE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Surveys

Last issue we asked: What is your primary source of information on equine health?



68% of survey respondents replied their veterinarian was their primary source. 18% use books and magazines 14% source the internet.

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

Have you ever enrolled in an online course?

Yes/No

This short survey asks what would interest you most about taking an online course with Equine Guelph? If you do not use online continuing education we would also like to know what affects your decision and how you prefer to learn. Survey participants who wish to enter the draw at the end can [WIN](#) an Equine Guelph eWorkshop! Survey closes Jan 31, 2015

Research Survey coming to a close- Help us evaluate and improve communication between equine academia and industry by completing this [research survey before Feb 1](#).

Helpful Video



START 2015 ON THE RIGHT FOOT
Learn how the horse's hoof interacts with surfaces on which we train

If you enjoyed this video and accompanying article [Consistency is Key...](#)

Read more about choosing a footing with the goal in mind to optimize surfaces in order to reduce sports injuries. [From the Ground Up](#) - explores surfaces in multiple disciplines.

Have you read the recently posted Equine Surfaces [White Paper on the FEI website](#)?

"YEAR OF FULL-CIRCLE-RESPONSIBILITY" - 2014 Campaign Continues into 2015

2015 is the year to Widen the Circle for equine welfare



We Challenge you to 'Widen the Circle'

Equine Guelph's successful welfare program is expanding to include several exciting tools and an app.

Equine welfare is an important priority for every association and club to intertwine in all programs, rules and procedures. In 2015, Equine Guelph invites the industry to join us throughout the year as we learn more about the Code of Practice.



CODE OF PRACTICE



FOR THE CARE AND HANDLING OF
EQUINES

Download your electronic copy of the [National Code of Practice](#)

Following the "Code of Practice" on your farm

 to help keep our industry moving forward in its support of equine welfare. Invite your friends to join the team of horse owners 'helping horses for life' at EquineGuelph.ca. Each month our monthly e-news will focus on a specific chapter of the new National Code of Practice for Equine Welfare, giving you the keys to the code.

encourages a high level of health care and management for your horse. Use this nationally developed guideline (Equine Canada and NFACC) to comply with industry standards.

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