



**EQUINE GUELPH**  
**HEALTH** *flash*



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

**Winter 2016**

**Greetings!**

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



**Alert:** EIA - [Saskatchewan](#) and [B.C.](#)

**WINTER IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?**

## WINTER WONDERING

- **Ice Advice**

You are ready to protect your pathways with sand, your pipes with insulation, your troughs with heat but what about the pond?

Lack of fencing around a pond can prove fatal. [Read on](#)

- **Drafts vs. Dust**

Proper ventilation, insulation and drainage are all components to maintaining healthy lungs; especially when barn doors and windows start closing for the winter. To improve air quality and reduce dust in your stable... [Read on](#)

- **Feed Transitions**

When transitioning your horse to new feed, either a new batch of hay or new concentrates, do it slowly. This gives the bacteria in the horse's digestive tract a chance to adapt and reduces colic risk, which increases in winter. [Check out these charts...](#)

- **Safety First**

Take Equine Guelph's 2-week [Behaviour & Safety eWorkshop](#) Feb 22, 2016. An



### Top Seasonal Tips

1. *How long to soak hay?* - Soaking hay can lower caloric intake but if left too long, effects can be detrimental. Equine Guelph online nutrition instructor, Dr. Kathleen Crandell, explains [more...](#)
2. *Recognizing pain and senior horse challenges* - Noticing and addressing changes is part of the responsibility of the senior horse care taker. [Read on.](#)
3. *Cool down tips to keep the chill out* - Budget extra time to make sure your

education in how horses react to what they perceive as frightening doesn't need to come from the school of hard knocks. This course is only \$75 + HST and is a great refresher for industry experts and an excellent start for those new to the world of equines. It qualifies for Equine Canada coaches updating credits and is approved by the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians. [Read on](#)



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

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

horse is dry after winter work outs. [Read on.](#)

4. *Adjusting forage consumption with temperature* - Fuel your horses furnace by increasing forage ....[More winter feeding tips...](#)
5. *Five things horse owners know - Totally true statements!*

## TAKE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

### Surveys



#### Happy APP users

*"I've been using the horse health tracker for the past 6 months now, and I must admit, I am very pleased and amazed with it; especially the tracking part where it adds an alert to your calendar allowing you to keep track right away of follow-ups."*  
Bob, Online Student

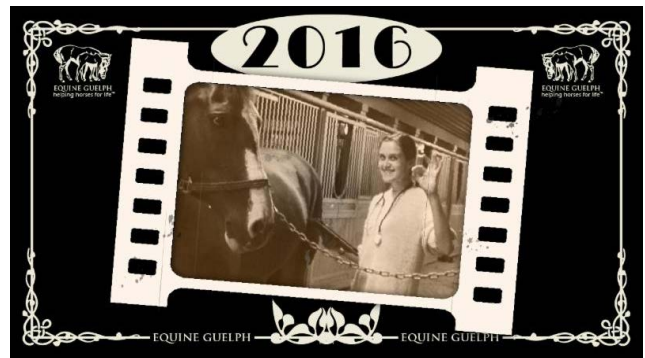
So far you have told us we are right on track.

#### Equine Guelph wants your input on our new Horse Health Tracker App



[Take this 2 minute Survey](#)

### Hilarious Video



A brief history in inventions that changed it all for horse lovers.

We promise you'll laugh.

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## 2016 "YEAR OF BIOSECURITY"

### New Year Resolution You Can Keep

Take ten minutes to complete a personal assessment of your biosecurity measures using the Equine Guelph [Biosecurity Risk](#)



## MYTH # 1: Biosecurity is not important to my small barn. I have a closed herd.

Horses are still vulnerable to pathogens transmitted in a variety of ways including disease vectors (e.g. insects, ticks, pets), contaminated feed, service providers, transfer from contaminated clothing or equipment.

### It's Coming in 2016!

### The new National Farm-Level Biosecurity Standard for the Equine Sector

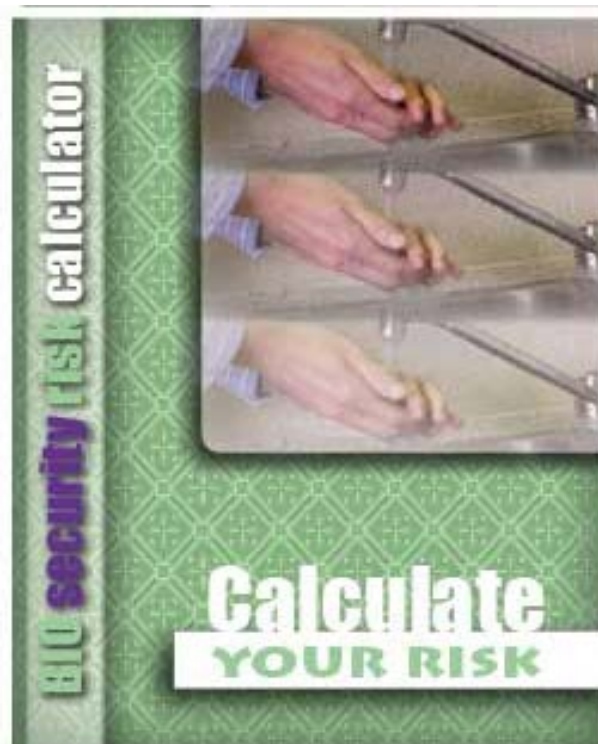
It will be the first document of its kind, providing a detailed scientific approach to biosecurity, making it a good reference tool. A producers guide will also be published giving horse owners useful "how to" information. Both aim to help reduce the risk of disease transmission, minimize the impact of outbreaks and improve health and welfare of horses.

Equine Guelph was one of many, who sat on the development committee for this new standard, developed through a partnership of Equine Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), in collaboration with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

Equine Guelph is looking forward to spreading the word, not the germs; starting with this new [barn poster](#), outlining **eight ways to prevent horses from getting sick**. Stay tuned for monthly E-News features.

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Start the year off right, implementing easy protocol to protect the health of your herd.



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