



EQUINE GUELPH HEALTH *flash*



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Winter 2013

Dear Horse Enthusiast,



ALERT! For Ontario:

Report of case of Equine Herpes at Sports Creek in Michigan

<http://www.ontarioracingcommission.com/whatsnew.aspx?id=882>

Winter is here - Are you ready?

Clear The Air



**Respiration
problems are a
major concern
in winter**

- **Turn out** - Fresh air is the best air. When the barn doors close - ventilation is a major concern.
- **Herd introductions** - New introductions can bring coughs and colds.

[Learn 10 ways to protect your horses](#)

[Are they vaccinated?](#)

[Calculate your farm's biosecurity risk](#)

- **Hay** - Round bales may be convenient winter forage but dust and mould content can cause [respiratory](#) problems and [colic](#).

Top Seasonal Tips

1. *Keep looking under that blanket* - Check [body condition](#).
2. *Hydration* - Heat water sources to prevent freezing.
3. *Traction* - Will frisky or mobility challenged horses slip? Check their path.
4. *Extreme cold* - Exercise in extreme conditions can put undo stress on the respiratory system.
5. *Cooling out* - More time is needed after riding to ensure you are leaving the horse dry and comfortable.

Thank you Kentucky Horse Council for this [link](#) to **more winter horse care tips**.

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

Take your knowledge to the next level

Interactive Quiz Game

All hay contains mould spores.
True or False ?

Play our [match game](#) to test your winter savvy.

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Helpful Videos:

1. [Why have an infection control plan?](#)
2. [Importance of Vaccination](#)
3. [Promoting respiratory health](#)
4. [First signs of heaves](#)

"Year of Colic Prevention" - 2013



[Equine Guelph Colic Prevention Program](#)

Colic is the #1 killer of horses (after old age)

January Colic Prevention Tip

Increase forage in diet

- provide a minimum of 2% of body weight in forage

Stay tuned in 2013 for monthly tips to help you reduce your risk of colic.

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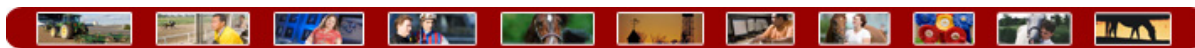
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