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EQUINE GUELPH
HEALTHflash



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Summer 2014

Dear Horse Enthusiast,

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



Alert: Alberta - **EIA continues to be a concern**
Alert: Saskatchewan - **EIA continues to be a concern**
Advisory: **tips to avoid strangles outbreaks**

SUMMER IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

DEHYDRATION DILIGENCE

Beat the summer heat



photo: Linda Shantz

- **"Hydration is Everything"**
Says 2010 WEG endurance team vet, Dr. Bri Henderson. "As dehydration develops we risk our horses health and welfare by stressing their hearts,



Top Seasonal Tips

1. *Understanding conditioning* - Learn the **benefits of cross-training** from Dr. Bri Henderson.
2. *Step smartly into summer* - Do you know why it is desirable to match hoof moisture to ground conditions? Find out this and much more about hoof health with this **Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food fact sheet**.
3. *Be proactive on lameness* - You know

kidneys and gut function." [Learn two simple tests to check for dehydration](#)

- **Protect Against Disease**

Spread the word and not the germs! And the word is biosecurity. How effective is your plan? [Check out Equine Guelph's Biosecurity Calculator](#)

- **Skin Disease Prevention**

Clean brushes, blankets, tack and saddle pads help protect your horse against skin irritations. [Read more](#) on skin diseases and allergies.

who to call but do you know when to call? Dr. Ken Armstrong talks about early diagnosis of lameness in this [video](#).

4. *It's not just a scratch* - All wounds no matter how small need treating to ward off infection. [More wound care tips and when to call the vet.](#)
5. *Move out manure* - Cleaning up the paddock helps control parasites. It also reduces flying pests. [Read more tips to keep the insects away from your horse.](#)

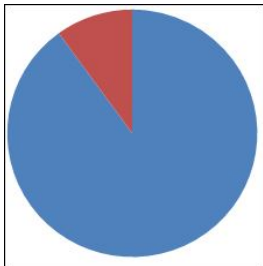
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Please note: This information provides guidelines only and should never replace information from your veterinarian.

TAKE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Survey

Last Spring we asked: Do you buy nutritional supplements for your horse?



84% of survey respondents use nutritional supplements.

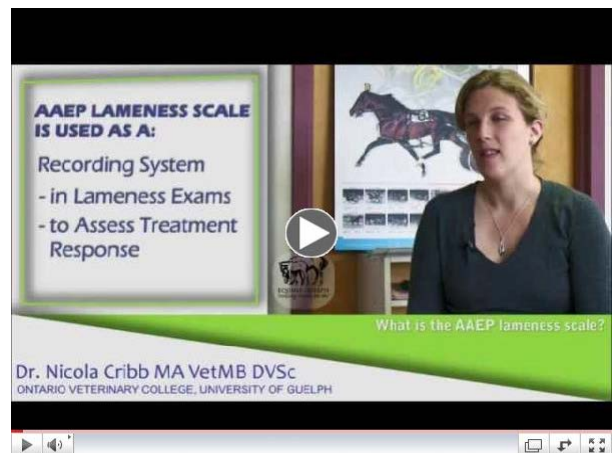
We love your feedback.

Our next **HEALTHflash** will reveal the answer to the following question:

Do you take a fecal sample as part of your de-worming program?

Yes/No

Helpful Video



Dr. Nicola Cribb discusses signs of lameness and detection methods.

Test your knowledge with more Equine Guelph [Lameness Lab](#) videos and resources.

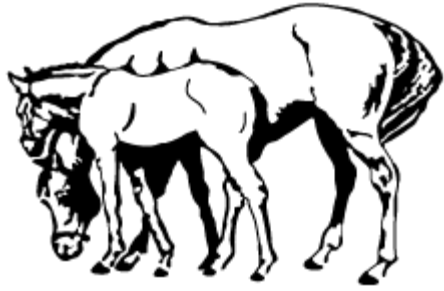
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Horse Farm Safety Checklist



Are there Hazards on your Horse Farm?

Don't Fall Victim to "It Won't Happen to me"



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- [Download this 39-point farm safety checklist](#)

Syndrome

Accidents involving horses can happen anywhere, anytime, and it's an unfortunate fact that many could have been prevented. By taking the time to identify and correct any hazards that may be found on your property, you'll be in a better position to prevent any possible injuries that can arise. This saves aggravation on not only your horses, but also your pocketbook.

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