Dear Equine Enthusiast,

Here comes the sun... and the mud and worms and viruses.

Time to vaccinate - Spring means more travel for some horses which means protecting your horse against diseases they may encounter. But the stay-at-home horse needs coverage too. Learn more about the importance of core and optional vaccines for your horse.

Rotate Dewormers - Is your parasite control program effective? University of Guelph researcher Dr. Peregrine discusses parasite control and growing resistance.

Stop Slipping and Sliding - Reduce the risk of sprains and mud fever by taking measures to reduce mud in paddocks. More information regarding systems to help manage mud.

Top Seasonal Tips
1. Customize your Vaccination Coverage
2. Optimize Parasite Control - Fecal analysis
3. Check those Chompers - Routine dental care is important for proper digestion. Uneven tooth wear can lead to the formation of sharp edges/hooks, causing pain and impaired chewing capacity.
4. Limit the 'High Octane Fuel' - Introduce horses and especially ponies to spring grass slowly. Nutrient packed spring grass can lead to laminitis.
5. Have a Progressive Training Plan - If you are increasing your horses' exercise/workload, remember to make changes slowly. This includes any changes to diet. Sudden changes in diet can lead to colic. Learn more with Equine Guelph's Colic Prevention Program.
6. Have a little one on the Way? - Don't forget about the care of your broodmare. Check the vaccines recommended for broodmares and learn when foals receive their first immunizations. Learn more with Equine Guelph's online course.

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6) Traveling or Show Horse Vaccination
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Year of Colic Prevention - 2013

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