Dear Equine Enthusiast,

Equine Guelph Fall Health Flash

FALL IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

Leaves are Falling
Your horse’s weight shouldn’t

• Battle with bats
  These little yellow egrets on your horse’s legs can be a plenty of damage to your horse’s hooves and stomach lining. Both house and barn bat colonies can cause anxiety and raise your horse’s risk of colic. Brush them out and learn how to deal with these nasty parasites.

• When was your horse’s last dental exam?
  Don’t wait until your horse is laying parade or showing signs of pain to have its teeth checked. Learn why your dentist should be a qualified veterinarian and why dental exams are recommended once or twice a year. Read more. Also check out this video to learn “The Tale of the Tooth.”

• Caring for your senior horse
  Feeding your golden steed—Overgrazed paddocks do not fair well through the winter. Give grass a chance by rotating paddocks when necessary. Mid-August to mid-September is the perfect time to evaluate the state of your pasture, test soil, fertilize and consider if reseeding is required.

• 3. The sacrificial paddock—Early frost and frost before the ideal recipe for a colder-like surface that can melt the moos. Be ready to use your sacrificial paddocks to avoid decimating next year’s grass yield and to keep the footing level, reducing chance of soft tissue injury. More tips for pristine pastures.

• 4. Look for leaks—It is apparently to find out your hay storage area is not waterproof after the wind and snow arrive. Check repairs before the wet weather and rodents move in.

• 5. Manage that manure—If that pile has become sky high, it is time to make a plan. Read the comparing successes story of Equine Guelph’s EEE Program, along with the Equine Environment course instructor, Kathy Prenova.

Workshops valued at $75.00!!!

Important preparations before Jack Frost shows up include:

1. Inspecting fences—Check for any rotten posts on your weekly fence line walks. It is easier to replace them now than wait until one breaks in frozen ground.

2. Preserve pasture—Overgrazed paddocks do not hold well through the winter. Give grass a chance by rotating paddocks when necessary. Mid-August to mid-September is the perfect time to evaluate the state of your pasture, test soil, fertilize and consider if reseeding is required.

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

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TAKE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT LEVEL:

Interactive Quiz Game
True or False: Composting can help in managing manure.
Play our match game, to check your feet for fall horse management!

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Helpful Videos
Equine Guelph thanks Vétoquinol for sponsoring this video on how to collect manure for a fecal test.
Check out more new videos with useful tips regarding parasite control:

• Why perform loading?
• Drug resistance & deworming.

Coeliotics Prevention ™ 2013

Sept. Coeliotics Prevention Tip

Know your Horse — Pay Attention to Changes

• Each horse may exhibit colic signs differently than others, especially the elder or more stressed horses. Being aware of what is normal will make it easier to detect if something is wrong.

• Perform a horse health check to learn what is normal for your horse.

Equine Guelph Coeliotics Prevention Program
Colic is the #1 Killer of horses (after old age). Equine Guelph is helping horse owners Combat Coeliotics with its Coeliotics Prevention Program.

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