



EQUINE GUELPH
HEALTH *flash*



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Fall 2013

Dear Equine Enthusiast,



SURVEY SAYS: Help us, Help the Horse Industry - Please take 10 minutes to let us know what you think of Equine Guelph's **HEALTHflash** program and assist us in understanding current healthcare management practices in the industry.

Participate before the survey closes on October 9th and you will be eligible to receive one of two gift certificates to one of Equine Guelph's eWorkshops valued at \$75.00!!! [TAKE THE SURVEY](#)



Alert: For Ontario [Potomac Horse Fever](#)
Alert: For Ontario [Eastern Equine Encephalitis \(EEE\)](#)
Advisory: For Ontario [Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile in Oakville](#)

FALL IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

Leaves are Falling Your horse's weight shouldn't



- **Battle with bots**
Those little yellow eggs on your horse's legs can do plenty of damage to your horse's mouth and stomach lining. Both bots and tapeworms can cause unthrifty condition and raise your horse's risk of colic. [Read up on how to deal with these nasty parasites.](#)
- **When was your horse's last dental exam?**
Don't wait until your horse is losing pounds 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 Teeth.](#)"
- **Caring for your senior steed**
Feeding the senior horse can be a challenge. Be sure to consult your veterinarian for tips on how to navigate the many choices on the market, including feeds designed specifically with the mature horse in mind. Having your golden companion at a good weight before winter hits is a topic worth discussion. [Learn more horse keeping tips for the elderly equine with this information sheet.](#)



Top Seasonal Tips

Important preparations before Jack Frost shows up include:

1. *Inspecting fence lines* - Check for any rotten posts on your weekly fence line walk. It is easier to replace them now than wait until one breaks in frozen ground.
2. *Preserve pasture* - Overgrazed paddocks do not fair well through the winter. Give grass a chance by resting 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. *Ready the sacrifice paddocks* - Early frost and hoof traffic are the ideal recipe for a crater-like surface that can rival the moon! Be ready to use your sacrifice paddocks to avoid decimating next year's grass yield and to keep the footing level, reducing chances of soft tissue injury. [More tips for pristine pasture...](#)
4. *Look for leaks* - It is untimely to find out your hay storage area is not waterproof after the wind and snow arrive. Schedule 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 composting success story](#) of Equine Guelph's Management of the Equine Environment course instructor, Kathy Fremes.

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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

True or False: Composting can help in managing manure.

Play our [match game](#) to check your feel for fall horse management!



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Helpful Videos



Equine Guelph thanks Vétuquinol 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 fecal testing?](#)
- [Drug resistance & deworming.](#)

"YEAR OF COLIC PREVENTION" - 2013

Sept. Colic Prevention Tip



Know your Horse - Pay Attention to Changes

- Each horse may exhibit colic signs differently than others, especially the earlier more subtle signs. 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 Colic Prevention Program

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



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