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HEALTHflash - FALL EDITION 2019



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## IMPORTANT ALERTS

**Alert:** Eastern Equine Encephalitis - **Ontario**

**Alert:** West Nile Virus - **Ontario**

**Advisory:** [Reducing Antibiotic use infographic](#)

**Advisory:** [Equine Strangles infographic](#)

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### SAFEGUARDING YOUR HORSE AGAINST COMMON PARASITES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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## FEATURED STORIES



### EquiMania! A Royal Favorite

Always a crowd favorite; EquiMania is back at the Royal for a 14th consecutive year! Get your party hat at the front entrance and get set for another exciting horse-lovers expedition through EquiMania! Special kids contest too!



## Tuition Awards for Racing

Ontario Racing Industry members - apply by December 1st! The successful applicant will receive two [12-week online courses](#) from Equine Guelph. Get the competitive edge with courses like Equine Exercise Physiology and more. [Apply Today!](#)



## Partners Unite at the Best Horse Practices Summit

Equine Guelph is very excited to be attending the third annual Best Horse Practices Summit at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester, Maine this October 19 - 20.



## Blanketing Tool

TOOL OF THE MONTH

What does your horse need to cope with plummeting temperatures? Answers to your question "to rug or not to rug," video on how to measure your horse for a blanket and more. [Try The Tool of The Month.](#)

## EQUINE HEALTH

### Nutraceutical Study Investigates Gut Health

Potential use of nutraceuticals to reduce acid production is one of the topics being researched by Jennifer MacNicol, a PhD candidate in the Department of Animal Biosciences at the Ontario Veterinary College.

Interested in promoting gut health? Check out The Horse Portal course - [Gut Health and Colic Prevention](#).

### New Website Features Equine Research in Ontario

Newly launched website [ResearchONequine](#) has a mission to be Ontario's hub for equine research collaboration and networking by showcasing bold scientific discoveries and promoting equine research education and outreach. It is sponsored by Ontario Animal Health Network (OAHN) and the Ontario Association of Equine Practitioners (OAEP).

## HELP US WITH OUR DEWORMING SURVEY

Takes one minute - five questions

**I use strategic deworming to optimize treatment:**

Yes / No

## First Aid Short Course

October 7 to 14

A must for all horse owners and care givers. When accidents happen - minutes count!

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

## MORE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



### New 12-Week Courses Start January 13

Mgmt of the Equine Environment

Health & Disease Prevention

Equine Nutrition

Equine Functional Anatomy

Equine Behaviour

Marketing & Communication in the Equine Industry

The Equine Industry

Global Perspectives in Equine Welfare

[SIGN UP TODAY](#)



### Upcoming Horse Portal Short Courses

Horse Care and Welfare

Sept 16 - 27

Equine First Aid  
Oct 7 - Oct 14

Sickness Prevention in Horses  
Oct 21 - Nov 1

Gut Health & Colic Prevention  
Nov 11 - 29

Horse Behaviour & Safety  
Nov 25 - Dec 6

Horse Behaviour & Safety (Youth)  
Nov 25 to Dec 6

Fire and Emergency Preparedness  
Jan 20 - 27, 2020

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## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### Not so fast with forage changes

Avoid colic when switching from pasture to dry hay & other forage tips

### West Nile peak season is the fall

Veterinarians spread the word about this very real threat to horses.

### Vaccination Equi-Planner

What vaccines should your horse receive this fall?

**Biosecurity top of mind** - Avoid flu's this fall fair season (plug for Portal course at end)

### Strangles

Let's talk prevention over panic.

### Laminitis lookout

Frosty nights mean taking measures to protect horses.

### Guelph/Eramosa Fire Department

Farm Safety Lunch and Learn  
October 4 | Rockwood, ON

### EquiMania! at Erin Fall Fair

October 10 - 14 | Erin, ON

### Best Horse Practices Summit

October 19 - 20 | Maine, USA

### EquiMania! at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

November 1 - 10 | Toronto, ON

Volunteer with EquiMania! at the Royal. **Rewards program** and free admission! More info on [website](#) or contact [Eq4kids@uoguelph.ca](mailto:Eq4kids@uoguelph.ca) **Sign up today!**

### Explore EquiMania.ca

October's activity shows how to calculate the forage needs of a horse.

## Highlights from the International Equitation Science Conference

Missed the conference? You can still access **2 great opening speeches**.

And stay tuned for more coverage of research presented such as: **Lost in Translation** - discussing ways to improve the communication of science in equestrian communities.

## Merck Launches National Biosurveillance Program

In case you missed this exciting recent news - In event of an outbreak of common equine respiratory diseases, this new program is designed to support equine clinics with the diagnosis. It will also enable collection of information at the national level on the epidemiology of the main equine respiratory pathogens. This information can then be communicated to the horse industry to promote a better knowledge and understanding of the ever-evolving nature and dynamics of those pathogens.

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