Dear Equine Enthusiast,

Alert: For Woodbine Racetrack, Toronto, ON — EHV-1

Alert: For Yellowhead County, Alberta — Equine Infectious Anemia

Advisory: For Manitoba — 2 rabies cases reported in 2013

SPRING IS HERE — ARE YOU READY?

SPRING IS IN THE AIR
Soggy is your Soil

Mud Fever
Scratches, greasy heel, dermatitis — no matter what you call it, it irritates your horse's skin and has potential to do deeper damage. Read on...

Vaccinations
Consult your veterinarian when choosing core vaccines. Just because your horse stays at home, does not mean he is protected against disease. Check out personalized immunization schedules for your horse.

Parasite Control
Piles of manure accumulating since winter? Don't forget pasture management in your parasite control program.

Safety
Top Seasonal Tips
1. Stay on solid ground — Although it may be tempting to have a spring fling ride on the trails, be wary of soft conditions. Slippery footing is a major cause of tendon damage. Keep off the grass until you are sure it is safe.

2. Something smelly afoot — Thrush is more than just a foul odour. Stamp out this fungal infection before it leads to lameness.

3. Slick ways to combat mud — Stable soil reduces the chance of injuries due to slipping. Read on...

More systems to minimize mud.

4. Laminitis — Too much spring grass is only one cause. Beware of diets high in starch, sugars and fructans.

5. Biosecurity — Keep infectious disease from ruining plans for your upcoming season. Use Equine Guelph's Biosecurity Risk Calculator.

6. Pitter patter of little hooves — If you are awaiting a special delivery, check out this resource video.

For more information on online educational courses — click here.

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

TAKE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Survey
Have you ever re-purposed a racehorse for a second career?

71% of over 100 participants replied they have re-purposed a racehorse for a second career.

We love your feedback. Our next HEALTHflash will reveal the answer to the following question:

Do you buy nutritional supplements for your horse(s)?

Yes/No

"YEAR OF FULL-CIRCLE-RESPONSIBILITY" — 2014

Transporting Safely

Support the Welfare of Horses

Learn before you load. Download these useful checklists to help you both arrive safely at your destinations.

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