



*KEYSTONE EQUINE VET
NEWSLETTER
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FLORIDA BOUND HORSES

It is important that any south bound horses be properly vaccinated prior to leaving. Going to Florida brings about a whole new level of exposure for these horses. Biting fly and mosquito transmitted diseases are the biggest concern. West Nile vaccine should be boosted if not already given in the fall. Eastern and Western Encephalitis vaccine is vital as Florida has a high level of this fatal disease. Most horses in Florida are vaccinated for Eastern and Western three to four times a year. Also, don't forget those health certificates! You won't get across the Florida border without it.

WINTER PREPARATION

The cold and dark of winter always brings on a whole new aspect to horse management. Impaction colic becomes a common problem in these times. Why is this? Cold weather pushes horses to drink less water. Combine this with less green grass and an increase in dry hay intake. Additionally, most horses have their turnout times cut in half.

Focus on these aspects: Warm the water in buckets or troughs (you can even experiment with flavoring in a second bucket). Feed smaller meals more frequently throughout the day (avoid ½ bale in the morning and ½ bale in the evening feeding). Leave them outside. Horses are fine in the cold. It's often a human feeling that they must be cold. Daylight is short, so turn them out early and for as long as possible. This way they can move, graze and kick up their heels.

FANBOOK ON FACEBOOK

A Fanbook page for Keystone Equine Vet can be found on Facebook. Currently, Dr. Angstadt posts weekly equine health topics and hopes to also include case discussions. Clients and friends are encouraged to post photos or present questions or topics of their choosing. Check it out and maybe find other equine enthusiasts in your area.

FARM DOG VACCINES

Basic vaccines for farm dogs are available. Just let Dr. Angstadt know ahead of time .

DENTISTRY

Fall through winter is an excellent time to take care of your horse's dental needs. A thorough exam and dentistry is one of the most important aspects of preventive care for a horse. Dr. Angstadt performs dental work on a large portion of his client's horses. Dentistry can be combined with other care.

Now through the end of January 2011 – stable call fees will be waived for dentistry on two or more horses.

PARASITE CONTROL

Many clients have heard Dr. Angstadt speak of new trends in the world of parasite management. Fecal exams at some stables have showed that diligence with manure cleanup does lower your horse's parasite exposure. This then lowers the need for intensive chemical deworming. The every two month deworming schedule is becoming a thing of the past. Talk to Dr. Angstadt for more info.

NUBBY'S CORNER



Nubby thanks everyone for being so nice to him. He is happy for his many new friends including Kris Corcoran's "Charlie" and Patti Thompson's "Bullet".