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wellness, critical care and
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Sample Equine Wellness Program

- A Bi-Annual spring-fall check-up
 - Nutritional evaluation
 - Coggin's test (Equine Infectious Anemia)
 - Blood tests (Complete blood count and chemistry panel) for older horses
 - Annual Spring Vaccinations - Complete in March, April or May Minimum recommendation
 - Rhinopneumonitis (Modified Live Virus Vaccine)
 - Influenza (Intra-nasal only)
 - Encephalitis (Eastern & Western and West Nile)
 - Intra-nasal Strangles
 - Tetanus every third year Optional, depending on exposure
 - Potomac Horse Fever
 - Rabies
 - Booster Vaccinations
 - Rhinopneumonitis and
- Influenza Recommended in the fall for most horses (6 months after spring vaccinations), and every 3 or 4 months for high exposure animals
- Potomac Horse Fever Booster in mid-summer if first dose given prior to May 1
- Regular deworming
- Complete every 8 weeks utilizing an appropriate rotation of products
 - Ivermectin must be given after a killing frost in the fall to remove stomach bots & migrating bot larva

***Establishing a wellness
program will save you
time, money and
headaches.***

Sample Equine Wellness Program

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Annual dental examination and floating, if necessary, done in either spring or fall

Routine hoof care, farrier visits every six to nine weeks, more often if needed

Work with your veterinarian to develop a well thought out program. It will help assure that you are giving your horses the care they need when they need it.

Equine Health Check-up includes

- Conducting eye and dental exam
- Checking hair, coat, and skin
- Listening to the heartbeat, lungs and abdomen and recording vital signs (pulse, temperature, respiratory rate)
- Assessment of the horse's overall conditioning
- Evaluation of the horse's diet, level of activity, behavior and any changes since the last veterinary visit
- Analysis of posture and gait
- Administration of appropriate vaccinations and deworming medications

Preventive Health Care

Preventive Health Care will help maintain your horse in peak condition and minimize the chance of illnesses. Your program should include a physical examination, vaccinations, and deworming. The program should be designed to fit your horse's life style. Consulting with your veterinarian is vital. Many of the fatal diseases are preventable.

While most horse owners have experienced a medical emergency, many of these "crises" can be prevented with twice-a-year wellness program. A bi-annual check-up provides your veterinarian an opportunity to bring your horses up-to-date on vaccinations and parasite control treatments at the time of year when they are most beneficial. It also

provides a time for you to visit with your veterinarian about nutrition, behavior problems, emerging disease threats and other horse health issues.

While there's no way to completely eliminate emergency situations, preventive health care program will minimize the chance of life-threatening, costly illness.

Wellness exams are the best way to detect and treat health problems before they become serious.