



# EQUINE GUELPH HEALTHflash



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Summer 2016

## Greetings!

Share this important information with friends and help support horse welfare.



**Alert:** RABIES - Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Quebec, Nunavut  
**Advisory:** OAHN RABIES PODCAST UPDATE - Ontario

## SUMMER IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

### HOT SUMMER TIPS

#### • Giving Immunity a Boost

Three veterinarians discuss the importance of having an annual vaccination plan, informing your vet where your horses are travelling and following through with booster shots.

[Read on](#)

#### • Nutrition for Performance

Nutritionist Don Kapper's excellent article on feeding the performance horse is now available in a point form information sheet. [Read on](#)

#### • Fecal Findings

The gunshot method of deworming is becoming a thing of the past. What you don't know might hurt your horse(s) if they are harbouring worms that are resistant to the drugs you are deworming with. [Full](#)



### Top Seasonal Tips

1. *Dehydration can be deadly* - Heat stress danger is not limited to exercising in hot weather. Transporting horses in humid conditions can also cause dehydration. Be sure to ventilate properly and offer water on longer trips. [Check for dehydration.](#)
2. *Being wary of wounds* - Having an up-to-date tetanus booster is the first step. Next is keeping on top of [wound treatment](#) on a daily basis.

## story



Dr. Susan Raymond demonstrates how simple it is to collect a fecal sample for testing.

3. *Footing first* - Harrowing maintains cushion in a surface. Compaction is directly related to the amount of use a surface sustains. For more riding ring maintenance information. [Read on](#)
4. *Laminitis look out* - Managing grass intake for horses prone to Laminitis can be more than just a [spring time](#) concern. [More on Laminitis and Nutrition.](#)
5. *Detect lameness early* - Early detection leads to the best prognosis. [Test your skills.](#)

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## Equine Welfare is now an elective in the Equine Studies Diploma!

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

### HAVE YOU HEARD?

## Survey Says

### True or False?



## New Research Study on Equine Contact Patterns

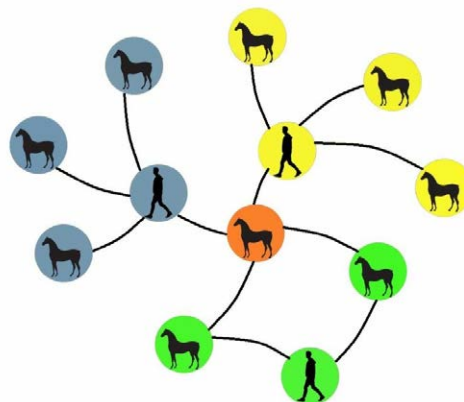
Do you own or train a horse at a Standardbred race facility or sport/competition facility within the Wellington region?

University of Guelph researchers at the Ontario Veterinary College are recruiting facilities this summer to conduct studies to determine the contact patterns (which individuals come in contact) between horses and humans within various facility types.

"My Horse does not come in contact with wildlife, so there is no point in vaccinating against rabies"

[Click here to find the answer and](#)

[Take a 2 minute Survey](#)



Contact Rachael Milwid at [rmilwid@uoguelph.ca](mailto:rmilwid@uoguelph.ca) to learn more/enroll in this study.

Participants will be entered into a draw to win a retail gift voucher, valued at \$600, \$300, or \$100 with a 1 in 80 chance of winning.

[More details...](#)

## 2016 "YEAR OF BIOSECURITY"



**MYTH Busters: Pasture management is as simple as not overstocking paddocks.**

Preventing overgrazing is one step in avoiding dusty paddocks for pathogens and weeds to propagate in. Rotating horses to new pasture allows grass to regrow.

If you spread manure in paddocks be sure it is completely composted first.

Consider proximity of fence lines and keeping them in good repair to avoid co-mingling in your [biosecurity plan](#).

See chapter [8.3 pasture management](#) and [8.4 Interior and perimeter fencing](#) of the **new National Farm Level Biosecurity standard**

## Vaccination Equi-Planner

In an Impact Vet study across Canada it was estimated 38% of horses are not adequately immunized.

for more tips.

## It's Here!

### The new National Farm-Level Biosecurity standard for the Equine Sector

It is the first document of its kind, providing a detailed scientific approach to biosecurity, making it a good reference tool. A producers guide will also be published giving horse owners useful "how to" information. Both aim to help reduce the risk of disease transmission, minimize the impact of outbreaks and improve health and welfare of horses.

Equine Guelph was one of many, who sat on the development committee for this new standard, developed through a partnership of Equine Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), in collaboration with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

Equine Guelph is spreading the word, not the germs; highlighting key points of the new standard. Stay tuned for monthly E-News features.



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Vaccines are an important part of your horse's preventative health program. Take ten minutes to gain a customized immunization schedule using the Equine Guelph [Vaccination Equi-Planner](#), kindly sponsored by Zoetis.

Discuss your individual needs with your veterinarian.



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