

Equine Vaccinations

The Educated Horseman: Health Series



Vaccination Program prevent infectious diseases

Vaccination is considered the most cost-effective method of preventing infectious diseases, but vaccines do have limitations. Pregnant mares, foals and some senior horses may require different vaccine protocols.

For the most complete protection for your farm and your horses, consult your veterinarian.



Core Vaccines

Influenza (flu) • Rabies • Strangles • Tetanus
Rhinopneumonitis (rhino) • West Nile Virus (WNV)
Eastern & Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE/WEE)

Mosquitoes

Horses in mosquito heavy areas need to be vaccinated twice yearly for WNV and EEE/WEE.



Vaccination schedule for Yearlings & Older

Annual: EEE/WEE, tetanus, flu, rhino, strangles, WNV and rabies

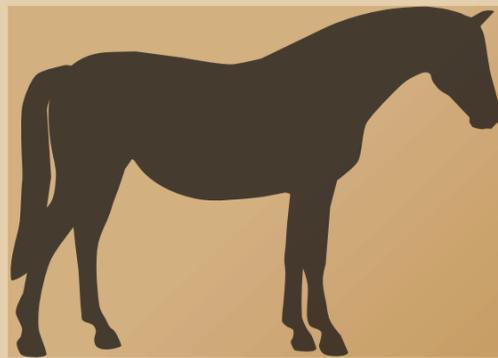
Horse that travel or have high exposure to unfamiliar horses:

Annual: EEE/WEE, tetanus, flu, rhino, strangles, WNV and rabies

Booster every 4 months: flu, rhino



Vaccination schedule for Pregnant Mares



Month of Gestation

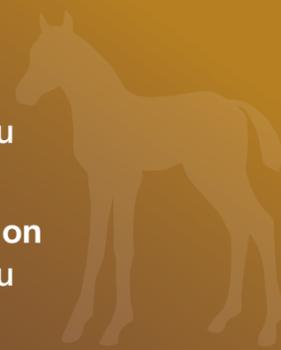
3	5	7	10
rhino	rhino	rhino	rhino EEE/WEE flu, tetanus WNV

*10th month: A full set of vaccinations ensure transfer of antibodies to the foal.

Vaccination schedule for Foals

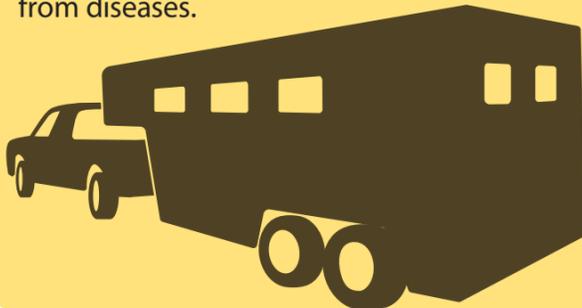
Foals born to mares vaccinated at 10th month of gestation
6, 7 and 8 months of age: EEE/WEE, tetanus, WNV and rhino/flu
at 8 months of age add rabies.

Foal born to mare NOT vaccinated in the 10th month of gestation
4, 5 and 6 months of age: EEE/WEE, tetanus, WNV and rhino/flu
at 6 months add rabies.



2 to 4 weeks prior to shipping your horse

Generally, vaccines need to be administered to a horse at least two to four weeks prior to shipping your horse to a new location, hauling it to an event or exposing it to new horses. This ensures the horse has time to generate enough antibodies for protection from diseases.



Horse: _____	Owner: _____
Coggins test (Annually)	Date: _____
EEE/WEE/Tetanus (Annually)	Date: _____
Rabies (Annually)	Date: _____
Strangles (Annually)	Date: _____
Rhino/Flu (Every 6 Months)	Date: _____ Date: _____
WNV (Every 6 Months)	Date: _____ Date: _____
Teeth Check (Every 6 Months)	Date: _____ Date: _____

Health Checklist

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