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SEVS News Dr. Kirsten Frederickson

Welcome to the spring newsletter! This winter brought some challenges and a great new event. The weather made it tough to enjoy our horses. Many horses developed impaction colic due to their large appetites and lack of thirst in the sub-zero temps. Most were treated successfully with pain meds and tubing with water and oil but some needed more extensive fluid therapy. Fortunately horses that colic from impaction have a good survival rate when treated early.

Even when it was  $-12^{\circ}$  F our new event warmed all of our hearts. The Rhyme for a Reason fundraiser was a huge success. Most people in attendance had not previously known about cowboy poetry and were pleasantly surprised to find out how fun and entertaining it is. We all learned more about the miracle of equine assisted therapy and how it works. There were many individuals that were able to connect with Acres for Life, which provides this service to our local community. For further information on this highly effective form of therapy, to make a donation or to discover volunteer opportunities go to www.acresforlife.org. We again thank Ron McDaniel, Merck Animal Health, Running Aces, Rush City Bakery and Forest Lake Printing for the time, money and resources that made this such a special night.

Coggins clinics will again be held in both Minnesota and Wisconsin this year. Remember that you can attend either clinic regardless of which state you reside in. As long as you arrive during the hours posted we will continue until everyone has been served.

We will again have a fun spring client education day. We will be showing how to properly bandage as well as discussing wound care. You will have the opportunity to practice some hands on bandaging. We hope to see you all there!

### Client Education Day:

Wed. April 4th, 6-8pm @ Sunrise Equine Barn Topic: Equine Bandaging & Wound Care Hands on opportunity! \*Subway Sandwiches served so Please RSVP

### Mission Statement:

At Sunrise Equine we are committed to helping improve the lives of horses and their owners. We work collaboratively to apply our knowledge and skills, and to educate our clients. We are here for owners and horses in their time of need, and will advocate for the best interest of both. We work ethically and with integrity in everything we do. www.SunriseEquine.com

Spring 2018



## Coggins Clinics!

#### 1) Minnesota

 When:Saturday, April 14th 2018,11:00am - 2:00pm
 Where: Northwest Saddle Club Showgrounds 26950 Lyons St, North Branch, MN 55056 Visit www.nwsaddleclub.org for directions

#### 2) Wisconsin

When:Sunday, April 15th, 2018, Noon - 2:00pm Where: Burnett County Fairgrounds 954 S. Pine St, Grantsburg, WI 54840

All Clients Welcome - have your horses Coggins, vaccinations, and fecals done at a <u>reduced price!</u>

\*\*Rain, Shine or Snow\*\*In case of rain or snow, Coggins clinic will be held under shelter at the listed location. Bring your previous Coggins with you to make the paperwork process faster! Digital photos are only taken on horses that have not had a previous digital Coggins done by Sunrise Equine. Visit our website or Facebook Page for more information and directions! www.sunriseequine.com

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#### When to call your vet about you Horse's Eyes By: Megan McGaver, DVM

#### The horse's eye is very important and as a result it is necessary to know when you need to call your veterinarian for an eye issue.

1) If any signs of discomfort are shown, your horse should be seen by a veterinarian as soon as possible. Signs of discomfort in the eye include:

- \*Tearing \*Squinting \*Swollen eyelids
- \*Cloudy appearance to the eye surface
- \*Red conjunctiva (pink tissue)





#### 2) Any time a horse sustains an

eyelid laceration, a veterinarian should repair it as soon as possible. If these wounds are left untreated, it can impair the protective function of the eyelid over the eye.

### Anti-Inflammatory Options in Horses By: Michelle Wiberg, DVM

veterinarian. In most situations this is not an emergency but should be seen as soon as possible.

We often get questions about the different options to control pain and inflammation in the horse. Below are the most common options and some general information and precautions for each.

- Phenybutazone: commonly known as "Bute," is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) that is frequently prescribed by veterinarians for lameness, musculoskeletal pain, muscle soreness, bone and joint problems, and laminitis. It is available through veterinary prescription in paste, powder, tablet, or injectable form and can be dosed once or twice a day. It is quickly absorbed into the blood stream and provides pain relief and fever reduction quickly. It is well tolerated by most horses, however chronic use can lead to stomach and GI ulcers and kidney and liver damage. It's use is cautioned in horses prone to stomach ulcers or horses with known kidney or liver damage. It should not be used in conjunction with other anti-inflammatories or anticoagulant drugs. Bute is a regulated or prohibited substance in most sanctioned competitions and withdrawal times should be followed.
- Flunixin Meglumine: commonly known as "Banamine," is another NSAID that is most commonly used to treat pain associated with soft tissues, such as GI pain/colic, conditions of the eye such as uveitis, pain and swelling, and to treat fever due to bacterial or viral infections. Other NSAIDs are usually prescribed for musculoskeletal pain. Banamine is available in paste or liquid form and is usually prescribed at twice a day dosing. The liquid form can be injected IV or given orally. Injectable Banamine should not be given IM as it can cause serious reactions called clostridial myositis. Side effects are similar to Bute which includes gastric ulcers and kidney failure with long term use. Administering with feed and making sure the horse is adequately hydrated can reduce the chance of side effects. Banamine should not be administered with other anti-inflammatories and should be used with caution in horses prone to stomach ulcers, kidney disease, horses on antibiotics such as gentamicin/amikacin, or mares that are pregnant or nursing. Banamine is also a regulated or prohibited substance in most sanctioned competitions.
- Firocoxib: commonly known as Equioxx (formerly Previcoxx), is a NSAID labeled for the control of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in horses. It is available in tablet, paste, or injectable form. Equioxx is a new form of NSAID that is specific to COX-2 inhibition, meaning it is effective in controlling pain and inflammation but has less side effects on the gut and kidneys. Equioxx if often the drug of choice for horses that are sensitive to the other NSAIDs or horses that are expected to need long term pain control, such as in the case of chronic arthritis. Equioxx is commonly prescribed at once a day dosing.
- Surpass: Is a topical anti-inflammatory cream for horses that contains 1% Diclofenac sodium. It is used to control pain associated with osteoarthritis over the joints of the limbs. A 5" ribbon is rubbed thoroughly over the affected area once or twice a day.
- Buteless: Buteless is a natural anti-inflammatory that contains yucca, Devil's Claw, and Vitamin B-12. It is available over the counter in a pellet, solution, or paste form. It is labeled for easing aches and discomfort associated with normal daily exercise and activity, training or competition. It does not contain an NSAID, however its use is still cautioned in horses prone to stomach ulcers. It is not recommended for pregnant or lactating mares. Buteless may be recommended for horses that need a little help due to mild arthritis or muscle soreness.



If the eye is comfortable but has 3) some discharge this is not an emergency but may need veterinary attention if the discharge is excessive or persists for longer than a week. Sometimes the nasolacrimal gland gets clogged and needs to be flushed out.

4) Any masses or ulcerative tissue around

the eye should be assessed by a



Comfortable eye with

some discharge

Mass on the 3rd eyelid

#### **Preventing Sand Ingestion in the Horse**

By Dr. Megan McGaver

In our service area, there is a lot of sand! As a result, horses often ingest sand depending on the feeding management at the farm. Sand can have negative effects if ingested including impactions leading to colic. Some impactions can be severe enough that surgery is necessary to relieve the impacted colon. Diarrhea can also result from the irritation of the seden. It is host to prove the impaction were tracticed to have the build we in the

tation of the sand on the colon. It is best to prevent sand ingestion versus treat it once it has started to build up in the colon. Below are some ways to prevent sand ingestion. You can test your horse's manure for sand by floating some manure in a plastic bag with water for 10-15 minutes.

#### Prevention:

1) Do not place feed directly on the ground. Mats under the feed can help to prevent ingestion of the feed that has follow on the ground. Feed bags that go over the horses head can prevent grain from falling on the ground. If a horse is eating off the ground in a dry lot of an area, this can cause significant sand ingestion.

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2) Hay nets can be helpful to contain hay up off the ground and prevent hay from getting ground into sandy areas.

3) Keep your pastures healthy. Do not over graze pastures. When the pasture gets too short, horses can ingest sand from the ground or by picking up roots. Rotating your pastures can help overgrazing. Additionally, offering another forage source (hay) can prevent pastures from getting too short.

#### Getting rid of ingested sand:

Breeding Horses:

Rhino for pregnant mares (5,7,and 9 months)

Booster all yearly vaccines 4-6 weeks prior to foaling

1) Feed Psyllium: There are a number of products, such as Sand Clear, that contain psyllium and get help carry the sand out of the gastrointestinal tract.

2) If you horse is showing signs of colic due to sand it is best to have the horse treated by a veterinarian. Testing manure for sand in a clear rectal sleeve  $\rightarrow$ 



## We used to want horses to be parasite free. In order to prevent resistant worms, the new goal is to maintain a low level of parasites.

Strategic Deworming

- Perform 2 fecal exams yearly (fall and spring).
- If low shedder, deworm 1-2 times per year (see chart).
- If high shedder, consult your veterinarian or follow the chart to the right.
- If fecal count is **high**, run another fecal 2-3 weeks after deworming to check effectiveness of dewormer.
- All horses should be dewormed with ivermectin/praziquantal after the first hard frost to kill bots, tapeworms and other intestinal parasites.
- Foals: We recommend deworming every 1-2 months with a rotation schedule until 1 year of age. After this fecal exams can be started to determine future protocol.
- Do not use Quest Plus in horses < 3 years of age.</li>
  We will be happy to discuss your horse's specific needs.

#### **2018 Vaccination Recommendations:**

All Horses:	Transmission:
Tetanus	Wounds/ Injuries
Sleeping Sickness (Eastern/ Western)	Mosquitoes
West Nile Virus	Mosquitoes
Rabies	Rabid Animals
All Horses based on risk assessment:	Transmission:
Potomac Horse Fever (if horses near water)	Snails/Mayflies
Leptospirosis	Wildlife/Water Sources
(NEW! Optional, but recommended, esp. in Apps,	
Infection can causes uveitis, abortions, and kidney disease)	
All horses that come into contact with new horses:	<b>Transmission:</b>
Influenza	Oral/Nasal Secretions
Rhinopneumonitis (EHV 1/4)	Oral/Nasal Secretions,
	placental/repro fluids
Strangles (intranasal)	Respiratory secretions,
	abscess secretions



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floats, vaccinations, Coggins, sheath cleanings, recheck exams, fecal egg counts, de-

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## Dates to Remember:

Noon - 2pm. Burnett County Fairgrounds Wisconsin: Sunday, April 15th, 2018 Ilam – 2pm. Northwest Saddle Club Minnesota: Saturday, April 14th 2018 Coggins Clinics: Topic: Bandaging and Wound Care Wednesday April, 4th 2018 6-8pm Client Education night @ Sunrise Equine

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1	North Branch, Harris, Stacy, Sunrise	March 12 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> , April 4 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , & 23 <sup>rd</sup> , May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , & 15 <sup>th</sup>
2	Rush City, Rock Creek, Rush Point	March 13 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> , April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , & 30 <sup>th</sup> , May 11 <sup>th</sup>
3	Grantsburg, Siren, Webster, Danbury	March 14 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> , April 6 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> , May 9 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
4	Frederic, Cushing, Luck, Milltown	March 15 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> , April 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> , May 1 <sup>st</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>
5	Shafer, Taylors Falls, St. Croix Falls, Cen- turia, Balsam Lake, Dresser, Osceola, Amery	March 16 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> , April 11 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> , May 10 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>
9	Wyoming, Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City, Scandia, Forest Lake, Columbus, Hugo	March 19 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> , April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , & 27 <sup>th</sup> , May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , & 24 <sup>th</sup>
7	Isanti (S. of CR 5), East Bethel, Bethel, St. Francis, Ham Lake, Linwood	March 20 <sup>th</sup> , April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , & 27 <sup>th</sup> , May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , & 25 <sup>th</sup>
8	Cambridge, Isanti (N. of CR 5), Stanchfield, Braham, Dalbo	March 21 <sup>st</sup> , April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , & 30 <sup>th</sup> , May 17 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
6	Pine City, Grasston, Mora, Brook Park	March 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> , April 9 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> , May 8 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>
10	Hinckley, Sandstone, Askov, Finlayson	March 23 <sup>rd</sup> , April 10 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> , May 7 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>

\*Must pay in full at time of appointment

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Give our office a call to schedule your appointment. Call early for best availability

ways to save a little money without their horses having to leave the farm. If you have 10 or

Preventative care days are intended for clients with only a few horses who are looking for

(less than 2 appointments in an area).

schedule or if you have other work that you would like done on your horse, as always, you

discount and have to option to request a doctor. If the dates listed do not work with your

more horses, please call and schedule a barn day where you will receive a different

may call and schedule an appointment at your convenience. If you are able to coordinate

your visit with your neighbor(s), we are still willing to offer discounted farm calls.

visit. We reserve the right to cancel a scheduled routine care day based on low participation

doctor is on their way. Please have your horses caught and ready for their veterinary

doctor will arrive. We will call again the day of the appointment to notify you that the

the day before the appointment and give you an estimated 2 hour window during which the

least a week in advance. Priority will be given to those that call first. 3.) We will call you

and may not be, scheduled as appointments are routed according to location), and call at

appointment. We ask that you are flexible with your appointment time (no specific time is

2.) Pick one of the dates we will be in your Zone and give us a call to schedule your

How to schedule: 1.) Find your city or nearby city, and determine which Zone you fall in

wormings, and castrations.