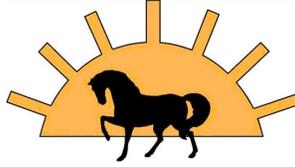


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SEVS Notes From The Office By: Desirae Knight

Wowza... summer is already behind us in a whirlwind of quick chaos! Thank you all for your patience as we are doing our best to manage an unprecedented number of appointments, both scheduled and unexpected emergencies. Your flexibility and understanding is much appreciated.

We recently had some big changes here at Sunrise Equine. Dr. Michelle has decided to pursue her love for small animals and we had to say a hard goodbye at the end of July. With that being said, we are no longer doing any small animal care.

However, when one door closes another one opens. At this time we would like to extend a warm welcome to a new doctor at our practice. Dr. Delaney joined us in June and is now out and about providing exceptional equine care. We are very excited for this addition to our practice! Please see inside for more info about Dr. Delaney.

We are trying something new this fall—**North Star Days!** We are going to offer appointments up in the northern area on specific days where your farm call charge will be based on the mileage from Hinckley. Those dates are October 10th and November 17th. Please call early as these types of appointments often fill up quickly. If this has a good response we will likely schedule these on a monthly basis so please check with the office if you would like to take advantage of this at a later time.

Help us help you... Please have a trailer/transportation plan. In the event of an urgent appointment need where the schedule does not allow a doctor to quickly travel to you, we often can get to your equine care sooner if you can haul in to the clinic for an appointment. This may also be helpful to you in the event of an even bigger emergency where you may need to trailer to a surgical facility. There are also areas just out of our reach that we realize have no option for equine veterinary care and we would be happy to provide care to those patients at our clinic. We are able to get appointments scheduled sooner if you are able to haul to the clinic as it cuts down on the drive time.

With the changing of seasons we have the long season of Winter upon us. When the weather is cold please take care to provide an ideal work environment with shelter from the wind and allow adequate lighting. Doctors and assistants often need to remove gloves and sometimes layers for procedures. Please remember that we are always happy to hold appointments here in our heated barn. It saves you money on the farm call and everyone stays a little more comfortable.

Starting mid November the office will be closed on Saturdays. This will be through our slower season, until March. You can still call and reach the emergency on call doctor for your emergency needs. You may leave a message if it is a general question/request. The voicemails will be addressed on Mondays.

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.

Client Education Night— Toxic Weeds/ Trees and Pasture Management

By: Krishona Martinson, PhD - University of MN

FREE

When: November 15th, 6:00 -8:00 pm

Where: Sunrise Equine Veterinary Services (Barn)
39318 Poor Farm Road North Branch, MN 55056

All Clients Welcome - Please RSVP by November 8th, food and beverages provided so we would appreciate your RSVP if you will be attending.

***Winter Dental Special:**
November through February the office call will be free when you bring your horse(s) to our heated barn for dental floating!*

Special Services Offered:

- ◆ Professional Equine Chiropractic Care
- ◆ Upper Airway Endoscopy AND Gastric Endoscopy
- ◆ Advanced Ultrasound
- ◆ Portable Digital Radiography
- ◆ Shockwave Therapy
- ◆ Eye Pressure Checks
- ◆ ***NEW*** Acupuncture

Please **“Like”** us on Facebook!
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When One Door Closes...

Dear Clients of Sunrise Equine,

It is with great sadness and heartache that I must inform you of my resignation as associate veterinarian at Sunrise Equine Veterinary Services effective July 30th. This has not been an easy decision and many tears have been shed in seeking what is best for my physical, emotional, and mental health. This year particularly has been especially taxing on me and I have struggled greatly with work life balance. I have made the difficult decision to move into a strictly small animal position to be able to be more present for my family and the raising of my child, as well as be able to attain adequate rest to be able to enjoy the things that matter most in life. It has been extremely difficult to take that step away from Equine medicine, the career I have spent my entire life building. I will miss all my clients and their horses and I hope to someday be able to return to Equine work, perhaps when my family responsibilities have lessened. I know you will be in good hands with the four remaining veterinarians at Sunrise Equine. Please be sure to show your veterinarian appreciation for their hard work in this very challenging and demanding field.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michelle Wiberg

Dr. Michelle has been with Sunrise Equine since completing her internship over 9 years ago. She was welcomed back by many who knew her from her 4H days in Isanti County. From veterinary work to active roles in 4H and the Half Arab Association Dr. Michelle has served the equine community in our region with dedication. She has been a vital team member in helping Sunrise Equine become what we are today. We are very sad to see her go but understand the need to achieve balance and that different phases of life require different circumstances. We wish her the best as she moves to the next page of her personal journey. We encourage everyone to reach out with their favorite Dr. Michelle stories, special sentiments or well wishes to show your gratitude and give her a proper send off. As the bonds of friendship that are formed at Sunrise are typically quite strong and lasting, we will always be in contact and can pass along your kind words sent through any channel of communication.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kirsten Frederickson
And the Sunrise Equine Team

Strategic Deworming

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.

- ◆ 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 below.
 - ◆ 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/praziquantel 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.
- We will be happy to discuss your horse's specific needs.**

Month	< 200 EPG = Low Shedder	200-500 EPG= Moderate Shedder	>500 EPG = High Shedder
April	Optional Pyrantel or Fenbendazole	Moxidectin	Moxidectin
July		Pyrantel or Fenbendazole	Pyrantel
August			Fenbendazole
October (*should be after first hard frost)	Ivermectin or Moxidectin PLUS Praziquantel	Ivermectin PLUS Praziquantel	Ivermectin PLUS Praziquantel

WELCOME Dr. Delaney Cox

Dr. Delaney graduated from the University of Minnesota- College of Veterinary Medicine in May 2022 after pursuing an equine-medicine focused track. Throughout her time in veterinary school, she worked as a student technician at Piper Equine Clinic and was involved on the student board of AAEP. In all her equine experiences, she has developed an interest for performance and lameness issues. Dr. Delaney grew up surrounded by horses and competing her warmbloods in the dressage circuit within the Midwest. Currently, Dr. Delaney has 3 warmbloods and a mule who live on her parents' hobby farm in Isanti. In her spare time, Dr. Delaney enjoys spending time with family and friends, riding her horses, running, and hiking with her boyfriend. She is excited to be at Sunrise Equine to help serve this equine community.



**Plants Toxic to Horses
By: Dr. Kate O’Conor**

The top three plant poisonings affecting horses in Minnesota are wilted red maple leaves, hoary alyssum, and white snakeroot. Other plants to watch out for include boxelder trees, nightshades, black walnut, chokecherry, bracken fern, foxtail, buttercups, and wild parsnip. Plant identification apps are a great tool to use when walking your pastures to check for potential problems. Please give us a call to discuss any questions you have about plants and be sure to check out our toxic plant and pasture management seminar in November.

Wilted red maple leaves : Dried red maple leaves, either in autumn or from downed tree branches during the summer, are toxic to horses for at least four weeks after drying. 1.5-3 lbs of dried leaves is toxic to a thousand pound horse. The toxin affects red blood cells and causes lethargy, decreased appetite, red/brown urine and mucous membranes. If caught early, activated charcoal and mineral oil may decrease absorption of the toxin but the poisoning is often fatal by the time clinical signs appear. To prevent toxicity, keep branches out of reach of horses by trimming mature trees, fence off young maple trees, and keep horses away from fallen branches and fallen leaves in the autumn.

Hoary alyssum: This is a very common plant with small white flowers. It remains toxic in dried hay. Clinical signs appear within 12-24 hours of ingestion. It can cause stocking up (swelling of the lower limbs), laminitis, and fever. Horses usually recover within several days of supporting treatment and removing access to the weed but horses that develop laminitis will take longer to return to normal.

White snakeroot: This plant is found in shady areas and has toothed, pointed leaves with clusters of white flowers. The toxin causes damage to the heart and muscles and depending on dose can cause death within 1-2 days of exposure. Affected horses will have difficulty swallowing, trembling muscles, weakness, and may become unable to stand. To prevent exposure, keep horses out of wooded areas, provide access to hay in the fall or during drought conditions, and mow or spray the snakeroot plants.



Both pictures are of hoary alyssum plants.

Fall Routine Care Days 2022

To better serve our clients, we are offering **HALF PRICE FARM CALLS*** if you are able to schedule your horses' routine spring care on the days we have designated a doctor will be in your area!

Routine and preventative care includes wellness exams, dental exams and power dental floats, vaccinations, Coggins, sheath cleanings, recheck exams, fecal egg counts, dewormings, and castrations.

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

2.) Pick one of the dates we will be in your Zone and give us a call to schedule your appointment. We ask that you are flexible with your appointment time (no specific time will be scheduled as appointments are routed according to location), and call at least a week in advance. Priority will be given to those that call first. 3.) We will call you the day before the appointment and give you an estimated 2 hour window during which the doctor will arrive. We will call again the day of the appointment to notify you that the doctor is on their way. **Please have your horses caught and ready for their veterinary visit.** We reserve the right to cancel a scheduled routine care day based on low participation (less than 2 appointments in an area).

Preventative care days are intended for clients with only a few horses who are looking for ways to save a little money without their horses having to leave the farm. If you have 10 or more horses, please call and schedule a barn day where you will receive a different discount and have to option to request a doctor. If the dates listed do not work with your schedule or if you have other work that you would like done on your horse, as always, you 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. Give our office a call to schedule your appointment. Call early for best availability!

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**Must pay in full at time of appointment*

Zone	Cities	Dates (Monday-Friday)
1	North Branch, Harris, Stacy, Sunrise	October 4 th , 24 th & November 11 th
2	Rush City, Rock Creek, Rush Point	October 11 th , 28 th & November 14 th
3	Grantsburg, Siren, Webster, Danbury	October 14 th , November 3 rd & 15 th
4	Frederic, Cushing, Luck, Milltown	October 3 rd , 21 st & November 8 th
5	Shaler, Taylors Falls, St. Croix Falls, Centuria, Balsam Lake, Dresser, Osceola, Amey	October 13 th , 25 th & November 22 nd
6	Wyoming, Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City, Scandia, Forest Lake, Columbus, Hugo	October 10 th , 27 th & November 18 th
7	Isanti (S. of CR 5), East Bethel, Bethel, St. Francis, Ham Lake, Linwood	October 7 th , 31 st & November 21 st
8	Cambridge, Isanti (N. of CR 5), Stanchfield, Braham, Dalbo	October 18 th , November 4 th & 28 th
9	Pine City, Grassston, Mora, Brook Park	October 17 th , November 10 th & December 1 st
10	Hinckley, Sandstone, Askov, Finlayson	October 20 th , November 7 th & 29 th

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- ◆ Fall Routine Care Days: October-Nov. See schedule on the back!
- ◆ Winter Dental Special: November through February. Office call will be free when you bring your horse(s) to our heated barn for dental floating!
- ◆ North Star Days—October 10th and November 17th

Dates to Remember:

Address Correction Requested

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 39318 Poor Farm Road
 North Branch, MN 55056

