

Elective Vaccines

Equine Herpes Virus (“Rhino”): A highly contagious respiratory virus, generally causing an upper respiratory infection. Also has potential to cause a neurologic syndrome as well as abortion in pregnant mares. The virus is transmitted from horse to horse by aerosolized nasal secretions. The vaccine is recommended for horses exposed to a diverse population of other horses, through showing, travel, or boarding situations; it is also recommended for all pregnant mares.

Influenza: Another highly contagious respiratory virus, which causes an upper respiratory infection. Transmitted from horse to horse by aerosolized nasal secretions, the vaccine is recommended for horses showing, travelling or boarding

Potomac Horse Fever: A bacterial infection transmitted by water-dwelling insects, generally found in marshy areas. This infection can cause fever, diarrhea and/or laminitis. The vaccine is not 100% effective in preventing disease, but is thought to lessen signs. The vaccine is recommended for horses living in marshy areas, near rivers or ponds.

***Please note:** This is not an exhaustive list. Other vaccinations may be recommended based on your horse’s situation; please speak to a veterinarian directly for more information.*



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Vaccination Recommendations:

Foals and Weanlings



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Vaccination Guidelines

Vaccines are broken up into “core” vaccines, which are recommended at least once yearly for all horses, and “elective” vaccines, which may be recommended based on specific circumstances.

***Please note:** This is a basic guide for this area. We are happy to discuss your specific situation and create a unique vaccination plan that will best suite your horses.*

Core Vaccines

Rabies: This neurologic disease is 100% fatal, and is transmissible to humans (“zoonotic”). It is transmitted by the bite/saliva of an infected animal.

Eastern/Western Equine Encephalitis:

Another neurologic disease which is nearly always fatal. Humans can also contract this disease; it is transmitted by mosquitoes.

Tetanus: A neuromuscular disease caused by a bacterial infection usually associated with puncture wounds. This bacteria is common in equine environments, and the disease is usually fatal and/or very expensive to treat.

West Nile Virus: Another neurologic disease caused by mosquitoes, which humans can also contract. This disease is usually fatal to horses and/or very expensive to treat.

General Vaccination Schedule

| Vaccine | Foals Born to Vaccinated Mares | Foals Born to Unvaccinated Mares |
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| Rabies | 2 dose series: at 6 months of age and 7 months of age. Revaccinate yearly. | Single dose at 3 months of age. Revaccinate yearly. |
| ▲ Eastern/Western Encephalitis | 3 dose series: at 4 months, 5 months, and 10-12 months of age (before onset of mosquitoes) | 3 dose series: at 3 months, 4 months and 10-12 months of age (before onset of mosquitoes) |
| ▲ Tetanus | 3 dose series: at 4 months, 5 months, and 10-12 months of age | 5 dose series: at 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 4 months and 10-12 months of age. |
| ▲ West Nile Virus | 3 dose series: at 4 months, 5 months and 10-12 months of age (before onset of mosquitoes) | 3 dose series: at 3 months, 4 months and 10-12 months of age (before onset of mosquitoes) |
| ● EHV (Rhino) | 3 dose series: at 6 months, 7 months and 10-12 months of age | 3 dose series: at 6 months, 7 months and 10-12 months of age |
| ● Influenza | 3 dose series: at 6 months, 7 months, and 10-12 months of age | 3 dose series: at 6 months, 7 months and 10-12 months of age |
| Potomac Horse Fever | 2 dose series: at 5 months and 6 months of age | 2 dose series: at 5 months and 6 months of age |

We carry the following vaccine combinations:

- ▲ Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Tetanus and West Nile Virus (E/W/T + WNV)
- EHV and Influenza (Rhino/Flu)

A proper health plan for a foal includes an examination 8-12 hours after birth to check for congenital defects, injuries sustained during birth, and ingestion of colostrum (for immunity). At this exam we will also examine the mare to be sure her udder is normal and she is recovering from foaling, as well as the placenta to be sure it passed completely.