Basic De-worming Guidelines for Mares & Foals

- De-worm pregnant mares as usual for the duration of the pregnancy. Include rotational de-wormers.
- De-worm mares 2-4 weeks prior to foaling.
- De-worm foal at 4 weeks of age. De-worm the mare at the same time.
- De-worm the foal every 4 weeks until 6 months old, then every 6 weeks until one year of age, then every 8 weeks from one year of age.
- De-worm mares every 6-8 weeks.

Reduce worm infestations by:

- Removing manure daily from stables, paddocks and yards.
- When hand feeding horses keep feed off the ground in feed bins or tyre feeders.
- Keep stocking rates as low as possible. Cross graze pasture with cattle & sheep.
- If possible, group horses in age categories. Put young stock in the least contaminated paddocks.
- Drench all horses on the property at the same time.
- Quarantine new horses & drench before mixing with other horses.

This is a guide only. De-worming programs vary depending on management strategies, the environment & number of stock. Please ask one of our vets for advice for your worm control program.
# PREGNANT MARE VACCINATIONS

**Fully Vaccinated Mares:**

**Tetanus/Strangles** - Previously vaccinated (up-to-date) mares require a single Equivac 2 in 1 booster 4-6 weeks prior to foaling.

**Salmonella** - Previously vaccinated mares (up-to-date) require a single Salmonella booster 4-6 weeks prior to foaling.

**Equine Herpes Virus (EHV)** - All pregnant mares should receive a Duvaxyn EHV booster at the beginning of the 5th, 7th & 9th month of pregnancy to help prevent abortion caused by EHV.

**Uncertain Vaccination History:**

**Tetanus/Strangles** - Unvaccinated mares require a Equivac 2 in 1 booster, repeated after 4 weeks. Ideally a booster vaccination should also be given 4-6 weeks prior to foaling.

**Salmonella** - Unvaccinated mares require a Salmonella vaccination, repeated at 4-6 weeks. Ideally a booster vaccination should also be given 4-6 weeks prior to foaling.

**Equine Herpes Virus (EHV)** - Vaccinate pregnant mares at the beginning of the 5th, 7th & 9th month of pregnancy.

# FOAL VACCINATIONS

It is advisable to start foal vaccinations at 12 weeks of age.

**First Vaccination:**

- Equivac 2 in 1 (12 weeks old) (Tetanus/Strangles)
- Salmonella

**2 Weeks Later:**

- Equivac S - (Strangles) (14 weeks old)
- Equivac 2 in 1 (16 weeks old) (Tetanus/Strangles)
- Salmonella

**4 Weeks Later:**

- Duvaxyn (EHV) (20 weeks old)

**4 Weeks Later:**

- Duvaxyn (EHV) - Booster every 6 months (24 weeks)

**Hendra Virus Vaccination** can be given from 4 months of age– Two doses, three weeks apart followed by periodic boosters.

*Booster vaccinations for Strangles and EHV are recommended every 6 months for maximum protection.

*Tetanus vaccination provides excellent immunity to the disease and is recommended annually.

*Strangles, Salmonella & Equine Herpes Virus vaccinations help prevent these diseases & reduce the severity & duration of the disease, however total protection is not provided.

# WHY VACCINATE?

*These diseases can be severe & fatal

*These diseases are reasonably common

*Protection following vaccination is generally excellent provided regular boosters are given.

*Vaccination is very inexpensive when compared to the cost of attempting to treat these diseases & the value of the horse.

Note: Vaccination programs will differ for individual needs & situations. These are the recommendations for a complete vaccination program to protect against Tetanus, Strangles, Equine Herpes Virus and Salmonella in a stud situation. Please consult one of our vets for advice on a vaccination program and management strategies to suit your individual needs and environment.