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## **PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE**

We believe that preventing problems before they happen is important not only for your horse but also during uncertain economic times. We recommend the following to help accomplish this goal:

### **DEWORMING:**

Recent studies have shown that parasites are becoming resistant to many of the current anthelmintics (dewormers) that are given to horses. To try and prevent this we are recommending that a stool sample be brought to our clinic every 3 months for fecal analysis. By doing this we can personalize a deworming program that best suits your horse.

### **VACCINATIONS:**

Horses that have no contact with other equines are at less risk than those that go to shows, trail rides etc. where other horses congregate. We advise giving the core vaccines listed below and then adding other vaccines depending on the horse's individual situation.

#### **CORE VACCINES (ALL):**

- Tetanus
- Eastern Equine Encephalitis
- Western Equine Encephalitis
- West Nile Virus
- Rabies

#### **ADDITIONAL VACCINES (Depends on individual situation):**

- Potomac Horse Fever
- Strangles
- Influenza
- Rhinopneumonitis
- Lyme (not approved)

### **DENTAL MAINTENANCE:**

It is advised that each horse receive a dental assessment yearly. Young horses have wolf teeth and caps that can lead to biting and riding problems. Older horses can have gingivitis and tooth abscesses leading to weight loss.

### **WELLNESS EXAM:**

It is recommended that a horse have a yearly physical (can be done during spring and/or fall vaccinations) to try and identify and prevent future health problems.