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Dear Client, August 22, 2022

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new clients to the practice, review some timely horse health topics, and offer some updates from the office including a new emergency phone number.

**HORSE HEALTH UPDATE:**

In the late summer and early fall, it is recommended to booster horses for **Potomac Horse Fever, Influenza/ Rhinopneumonitis (Flu/Rhino), and Lyme Disease. *Potomac Horse Fever*** is a bacterial infection that is contracted when horses consume the organism while grazing or drinking; those horses in endemic areas should be vaccinated in the spring and fall. ***Flu/Rhino*** are respiratory viral infections that are spread through the air. Horses that are continuing to show, travel and/or are coming into contact with other horses during this time of the year are at a higher risk for Flu/Rhino and should receive a booster. The ***Lyme*** vaccine is given twice yearly to horses that have received their initial series.

In late fall, deworm your animals after the first heavy frost with praziquantel (Equimax®, Ivermectin Gold® or Quest Plus®) to prevent tapeworm infestation. Consider submitting fecal samples to measure the number of parasite eggs being shed in the manure. The cost of this test is $25.00/sample; the sample is sent to a lab, centrifuged (the gold standard method of quantifying parasite infestation) and read by a parasitologist.

Congratulations to all pregnant mare owners! These expecting mares will need to be vaccinated with Pneumobort-K to prevent abortion in the 5th, 7th and 9th month of gestation. Congratulations to those who have had new foals this year! Remember, these foals need to have their first vaccines and boosters between 3 and 6 months of age.

OFFICE UPDATE:

We are excited to announce that Meadowbrook Equine is now offering on site **gastroscopy! Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome (EGUS)** is a common condition in horses causing decreased performance, behavioral changes, mild colic, and weight loss; it is diagnosed by visualizing the inside of the stomach with a gastroscope. Please give us a call if you have any questions.

Starting September 1st, we will have **a new number for emergencies: 802-951-4851**, Please update your contact lists in phones and barns.

Please contact the office if you have any further questions, would like to schedule an appointment, and/or submit a fecal sample. Enjoy the rest of your summer and have a nice fall!

Sincerely,



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