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Foal Healthy Start

Vaccination Schedules

Foals need to be vaccinated when the passive immunity they receive from their mothers begins to wear out. The expiration date of maternal antibodies varies from one disease to another. Vaccinating too early can result in the maternal antibodies being used up on the vaccine itself. Vaccinating too late results in a significant time where the foal would have little or no disease protection. The vaccination status of the mare is also very important when developing a vaccine protocol for foals because mares that are vaccinated just before foaling tend to have more effective antibodies in their milk to pass to the foal than mares that are not or infrequently vaccinated. If the mare is vaccinated within 30 days of foaling:

1. **6 months old** – Equine Sleeping Sickness, Tetanus, Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, and West Nile virus. Strangles also if at high risk.
2. **7 months old** – Equine Sleeping Sickness, Tetanus, Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, and West Nile virus. Strangles also if at high risk.
3. **8 months old** - Equine Sleeping Sickness, Tetanus, Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, and West Nile virus. Strangles also if at high risk.
4. If the mare has an unknown vaccine history or no vaccination history at all, the foal should begin the series at no later than 3 months of age.

Deworming Schedule

For foals certain immature parasites can be life-threatening at high populations in the intestinal tract, so treating foals without performing a fecal egg count is still recommended. Fecal egg counts only tell us about the mature parasites in the intestinal tract that are producing eggs, not how many immature parasites (non-egg producers) the horse might be infected with. There is currently no accurate way to assess the number of immature parasites within a horse, so treating the foal at regular intervals is still the best way to avoid heavy immature parasite infestations that can be fatal.

1. **1 month** - pyrantel pamoate
2. **2 months** - pyrantel pamoate
3. **3 months** - pyrantel pamoate
4. **4 months** - ivermectin
5. **5 months** - pyrantel pamoate
6. **6 months** - ivermectin
7. **7 months** - pyrantel pamoate
8. **8 months** - ivermectin
9. **9 months** - pyrantel pamoate
10. **10 months** - ivermectin
11. **11 months** - pyrantel pamoate
12. **1 year** - ivermectin

By a year old, we can begin to test to find what a horse's adult parasite infestation is and then decide on the most effective treatment schedule to use to keep your horse healthy. If you have any questions please call the office at 509-966-5442.