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Spring is almost here!



It's time to get out of the house and back in the barn. Before we know it winter will be a distant memory. It's time to start thinking about **spring vaccines** and tune ups for the summer season. We are here to help you keep your horses healthy and happy all year long.

Did your horse have a rough winter? If your horse had trouble keeping weight on this winter, now is the time to have him/her evaluated for weight loss. A complete physical examination, fecal parasite evaluation, dentistry and nutrition evaluation, if needed, could help your horse get back on the right track and ready for spring. For more information please see our website at **bllac.com**.

What's New at BLLA?

Wellness plan: Do you like savings?? How about a yearly **savings** of **\$150**? You could be saving money on services you are receiving already. It includes **vaccinations, dentistry, fecal examinations** and much more. You will also receive **further savings** on other preventative care services, such as additional vaccines and x-rays. The program is **paid for in advance** and then **we call you** to set up the three yearly visits. See our website or call for more information. The sign up deadline is **March 15th**!

BLLAC.com: Please visit our **new website**. It is a **great resource** for information about our clinic, services and products. It also may help answer many of your animal health questions. We are continuously updating and improving it.

Online Pharmacy: Our new online pharmacy allows you to order products at **competitive prices**. Both prescription and non-prescription products are **shipped directly to your home**. It is a **convenient** way to get the products you need and keep business local. You will find a link from our website, **bllac.com**. If you cannot find a product call or e-mail the clinic and we will look into it for you.

Contact Information: What is the best way to reach you to verify appointments, report test results and notify you of upcoming events? Please let us know if you prefer to be mailed, emailed, text-messaged or called. Call us or e-mail us to update your contact information. Please send all **e-mails** to **info@bllac.com**.

Global Link Coggins: Carbon copy Coggins papers are going to become a thing of the past. The new electronic Coggins forms have **digital pictures** for more accurate identification and are **computerized** not hand written. **You have access** to this document on the internet. Remember that a Coggins test needs to be drawn yearly for horses that are shown or travel.

Vaccination Recommendations (All vaccine protocols available on bllac.com)

Beadle Lake Large Animal Clinic recommends yearly for all horses:

- **Program 1** which includes a **physical exam, West Nile, Tetanus, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Potomac Horse Fever, Flu, Rhinopneumonitis & Rabies**
- **Fecal Exam**

Additional Recommendations

Performance horses:

- **Strangles Intranasal**-suggested for high traffic areas
- **Flu/Rhino** every 2-4 months depending on exposure
- **Farrier View** Foot Films
- **Selenium**
- **CBC**
- **Performance Exam** – Chiropractic, Acupuncture, Lameness Evaluation

Pregnant Mare Vaccinations:

- **Rhinopneumonitis** - a killed vaccine is suggested at 3, 5, 7 & 9 months of pregnancy
- **Eastern & Western Encephalomyelitis, West Nile, Tetanus, Flu, & Rhino** - a booster is suggested 30 to 45 days prior to foaling

Performance

Are you ready for the performance season? **Don't forget** to make your chiropractic, acupuncture and lameness evaluation appointment with Dr. Emery. Get your horse in tip-top shape for the performance season.

Emerging Disease Alert – Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM)

CEM is a sexually transmitted disease among horses caused by the bacteria *Taylorella equigenitalis*. Clinical signs can include vaginal discharge, infertility and abortion in mares. Stallions typically do not show clinical signs, but can be carriers of the disease. The bacteria can be spread by chronic carriers of the disease either by direct breeding contact or semen used for artificial insemination of mares. This disease has affected horses in other states a great deal more than Michigan horses. If you have any questions or concerns, please refer to our website or feel free to contact us.

Thank You

Thank you to those of you who attended our client education meeting. We enjoyed visiting with you. We would appreciate any feedback you have about the meeting. For a feedback evaluation form or for more information on the topics discussed, please see our website. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list please contact the clinic at 269-441-9233.

We wish everyone a fun summer and successful show season!

