



# Beadle Lake Large Animal Clinic Vet Gazette

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## Greetings!

Fall has arrived and winter is on its heels. It's time for blankets, fuzzy horses and DENTISTRY!

Be sure to talk with Dr. Emery about his recent trip to the Netherlands where he studied the latest ultrasound techniques used to evaluate the equine neck and back.

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## Tis' the Season for Dentistry

Fall/winter is dentistry season. This is a good time to have dentistry performed on your horse for several reasons. First, a healthy set of teeth helps a horse's ability to effectively grind food for improved digestibility and nutritional absorption. This is especially needed during the winter months when grazing is significantly decreased. Second, clients who pay for dentistry at the time of service will receive 5% off each dental from November to February. Third, we love doing dentistry during the fall and winter months when we are not as pressed for time.

Check out our website for more information on equine [dentistry](#).

## Lameness Exam Special!

As a benefit to our clients in these difficult economic times, Dr. Anderson will be offering lameness evaluations at no cost during our slower season (now-February).

Appointments will be available in the clinic Wednesday afternoons and one Saturday each month. Any additional services (radiographs, blocks, injections, etc) will be at regular cost. Contact the clinic with any questions.

## Happenings at BLLA

### Dentistry Seminar: Wednesday October 28 @ 6PM

This one hour seminar is to help you understand the common complications in the horse's mouth that can cause pain, poor weight gain and much more. Space is limited to the first 30 people that RSVP. Call or e-mail soon to reserve your spot!

### Nutrition Seminar: Saturday February 27, 2010

Dr. Brian Nielson from Michigan State University Department of Animal Science will be speaking about several nutritional topics. Dr. Nielson conducts research in equine exercise physiology and nutrition. He also holds the record for the fastest racing dairy cow! Stay tuned for details!

## Potomac Horse Fever Update

BLLA veterinarians have treated several horses for Potomac Horse Fever since June. Please continue to watch your horse for symptoms such as fever and diarrhea through the end of fall.

## Fall Mare Checks

Is your mare expecting next year? Get a fall pregnancy check with Dr. Van Lente to make sure everything is progressing normally. This is also a good time to discuss nutrition needs and is a safe time to do dentistry.

## Keep Your Horse Happy and Healthy All Winter Long

Is your horse ready for winter? Preparing your horse for winter is very important, especially for older horses and hard keepers. Please assess your horse's [body condition](#) now. If your horse has a body condition score of 4 or less, consider the cause, which could be nutrition, parasitism or poor dental health. Also, think about your horse's joint health and your barn environment. Please read our [article](#) for more information on preparing your horse for the cold winter months.

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