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Equine Vaccination Protocols

Many factors go into creating a vaccination program for your horse. These can vary with age, environment, travel, use of the horse, time of year, and characteristics of the particular disease. The following are general guidelines for protecting your horse from infectious diseases. Please remember there are many different types and combinations of vaccines available. If you have any questions, please ask your veterinarian at South Willamette Veterinary Clinic for a customized vaccination program.

Core vaccines protect horses from diseases that are endemic to a particular region. In the Willamette Valley these would include tetanus, Eastern/ Western and West Nile Encephalitis.

Risk based vaccinations are additional ones indicated for horses that have increased exposure from traveling to competition, live in stable environments, or high risk habitats. The diseases in our area would include influenza, rhinopneumonitis, strangles, and Potomac Horse Fever.

For more detailed information go to http://www.aaep.org/vaccination_guidelines.htm

Competition/ Stabled Horses

<u>Time of Year</u>	<u>Vaccination</u>
Early Spring	3-Way Intranasal flu Rhino- Modified Live Virus (MLV) West Nile Virus
Late Spring/ Early Summer	Intranasal strangles Potomac Horse Fever
Late Summer/Early Fall	Intranasal flu Rhino- MLV

Other Facts

- Intranasal flu and MLV rhino should be given greater than 2 weeks prior to any show or competition for enhanced protection.
- An Eq-Stim series (3 shots, 3-4 days apart) starting 2 weeks prior to a show greatly increases your horse's immunity and complements vaccinations for maximum protection.
- 3-Way – includes Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis and tetanus toxoid
- West Nile Virus and Eastern/Western Encephalomyelitis are mosquito-borne diseases and vaccination schedules may vary depending on location and time of year.
- Zylexis (Pfizer Animal Health) is a modified sheep virus immunomodulator. It especially stimulates immunity to rhino virus.

Pleasure/ Pasture Horses

Pleasure/ Pasture horses are those that are used primarily for recreation and do not travel frequently or have contact with horses that do.

<u>Time of Year</u>	<u>Vaccination</u>
Early Spring	3-Way Influenza Rhino West Nile Virus
Late Spring/ Early Summer	Potomac Horse Fever
Late Summer/Early Fall	Potomac Horse Fever booster * for horses at high risk

