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## EQUINE HOSPITAL

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### Fall Client Seminar: Caring for the Aging Horse

*Sponsored by Boehringer  
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**Tuesday, October 11 • 6pm**

With horses living longer healthier lives, the way we care for our golden oldies changes. Dr. Craig Shoemaker of Boehringer Ingelheim will discuss Equine Cushings Disease (PPID) and Equine Metabolic Syndrome. Sherrie Lafoon of Elk Grove Milling will discuss nutrition and give out free samples of Stable Mix as well as fun door prizes. We will also be discussing dentistry and managing arthritis pain in our aging horse population. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP by phone (775) 849-0120 or email (office@comstockequine.com) by Friday, October 7.



### *Welcome Dr. Tanner!*



Dr. Kelsey Tanner is a native of Murphys, California. She received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from University of California Davis and is joining us for a year long equine medicine and surgery internship. Her professional interests include surgery,

reproduction, and internal medicine. In her free time, In her free time, Dr. Tanner enjoys spending time with her husband Nick and their Husky mix Sam, skiing, hiking, cuddling with her cat Trout, and drinking wine at her parents' tasting room at Tanner Vineyards. We would like to welcome Dr. Tanner! 🐾





## Equine Rabies

*Christy A. Copeland DVM*

Rabies is a virus that is passed via the saliva of an infected animal (typically a skunk, bat, fox, or raccoon). While the word rabies may trigger images straight from horror films of rabid dogs in your mind, rabies can also affect horses and other livestock. When a horse is infected with rabies, the virus can be in the body several weeks before the horse shows clinical signs. Early signs include colic, lameness, depression, fever, and agitation. These signs progress to the full neurologic form of the disease and include excessive salivation, paralysis of the jaw and throat, inability to swallow, and seizures. When horses have excessive salivation, they can pass the virus on to people and other animals. Unfortunately, there is no treatment for rabies. An unvaccinated horse will develop clinical signs and die within a few days.

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) has rabies listed as one of its core vaccinations. Core vaccinations are defined as those that protect from diseases that are endemic to a region, those with potential public health significance, required by law, virulent/highly infectious, and/or those posing a risk of severe disease. Core Vaccines have clearly demonstrated efficacy and safety, and thus exhibit a high enough level of patient benefit and low enough level of risk to justify their use in the majority of patients. The current recommendation for rabies is to vaccinate adult horses, including broodmares, and foals annually.

Last year in the state of Nevada, eight bats tested positive for rabies. In 2013, a bull in Clark County tested positive; and in 2014, a puppy in Carson City tested positive. While there has not been a horse in the state of Nevada that has tested positive for rabies in the past 14 years, transmission is possible. You may not elect to vaccinate your horse for rabies due to its low incidence in Nevada. However, because rabies is 100% fatal, we recommend that you consider adding it to your horse's vaccination program. You can protect yourself from rabies by avoiding contact with any wildlife that look sick, disoriented, or partially paralyzed, seem bold or aggressive, or are out during the day when they are nocturnal. It is also important to wash any bites from suspect animals immediately and seek professional medical help.

For questions about rabies, the rabies vaccine, and prevention, please do not hesitate to contact your veterinarian. 🐾

## Applying a Stabilization Bandage

*Elisabeth M. Lau DVM*

A stabilization bandage is a thick rigid bandage that is often applied over a wound bandage to limit the range of motion in the limb. This can help reduce the risk of suture failure, wound dehiscence, and exuberant granulation tissue otherwise known as proud flesh. A stabilization bandage can also be helpful when applying a sweat bandage to dramatically reduce edema in the limb.



Materials needed for a stabilization bandage are a thick cotton combine, brown gauze, Vetrap and Elastikon tape. If you have thick pillow leg wraps (versus thinner quilted and no-bow wraps), you can use this in combination with a nylon standing wrap. The only draw back is the nylon wraps need to be replaced daily as they can stretch and slip and lose rigidity.



Wrapping from the inside of the leg out, apply the cotton combine to the distal limb. Be sure to cover the coronet band.



In the same direction as the combine, apply the brown gauze evenly and firmly to create an even layer. Make sure the brown gauze is not applied within the top and bottom 1" of the bandage to ensure the bandage is not too tight close to the skin.



Cover the brown gauze with Vetrap. Vetrap helps create a more water resistant layer over the gauze.



If your horse is in a sandy stall, you can apply a strip of Elastikon tape to the top and bottom to help keep dirt and debris from getting under the bandage. The Elastikon tape helps to also hold in the bandage in place. Lay the elastikon gently on the skin and bandage to ensure that it is not pulled too tight.

# FALL VACCINE CLINIC SCHEDULE

AREA	DAY	DATE
Washoe Valley 1	Sat	10-Sep
Washoe Valley 2	Tues	13-Sep
Washoe Valley 3	Wed	28-Sep
Washoe Valley 4	Thurs	27-Oct
SW Reno 1	Wed	14-Sep
SW Reno 2	Sat	17-Sep
SW Reno 3	Thurs	6-Oct
SW Reno 4	Tues	11-Oct
SW Reno 5	Sat	22-Oct
Mt. Rose/Pleasant Valley 1	Tues	27-Sep
Mt. Rose/Pleasant Valley 2	Wed.	5-Oct
Mt. Rose/Pleasant Valley 3	Sat.	15-Oct
Lemmon/Antelope Valley 1	Thurs	15-Sep
Lemmon/Antelope Valley 2	Tues	27-Sep
Lemmon/Antelope Valley 3	Sat	8-Oct
Spanish Springs 1	Tues	13-Sep
Spanish Springs 2	Wed	21-Sep
Spanish Springs 3	Sat	1-Oct
North Valleys 1	Thurs	22-Sep
North Valleys 2	Tues	4-Oct
Golden/Sun Valley 1	Wed	14-Sep
Golden/Sun Valley 2	Thurs	13-Oct
Carson/Dayton 1	Tues	20-Sep
Carson/Dayton 2	Thurs	13-Oct
Toll Rd/VC Highlands 1	Thurs	22-Sep
Toll Rd/VC Highlands 2	Wed	5-Oct
West Reno/Verdi-Mogul 1	Tues	20-Sep
West Reno/Verdi-Mogul 2	Thurs	29-Sep
Palomino Valley 1	Mon	3-Oct
Gardnerville 1	Mon	3-Oct
Minden 1	Mon	26-Sep
Stagecoach/Silver Springs 1	Fri	23-Sep

PRICE LIST	
Farm Call	15
Physical/Wellness Exam	20
Rhino-Influenza	35
Strangles I.N.	35
Rabies	21
Deworm	17-24
Deworm (Foal/Mini)	14
Fecal Exam	23
Clean Sheath	30
Sedation- Starts At	45
Coggins	32
Health Certificate	44

A 10% discount will be applied to owners with 5 or more horses, and the farm call fee will be waived. Not applicable with any other discount.

**\*\*Manufacturer's Immunization Support Guarantee:** The vaccine company will pay for diagnostic & treatment costs up to \$5000.00 for your horse if he or she has been vaccinated by one of our doctors and becomes infected by West Nile, Influenza, Tetanus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and/or Western Equine Encephalitis within one year of vaccination. This guarantee excludes Strangles and Rhino virus.\*\*



**YOUR HORSE  
NEEDS A  
DENTAL EXAM  
EVERY YEAR!**

## Dentistry Pricing

We are offering our dentistry prices at \$160 plus sedatives. Sheath cleanings may be added for the discounted price of \$30.




**\$160.00**

We are continuing the Dental Health Maintenance Plan. Any horse that has dentistry performed annually will receive the discounted price of \$100 plus sedatives. This plan is ideal for horses that require more frequent dentistry.

**\$100.00**

To best service our clients, all of our doctors have received extensive training and continuing education opportunities in the field of equine dentistry.

### The discounted price includes:

-  Sedation Examination
-  Full Mouth Speculum Examination
-  Dental Equilibration (performed with hand & power tools)

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