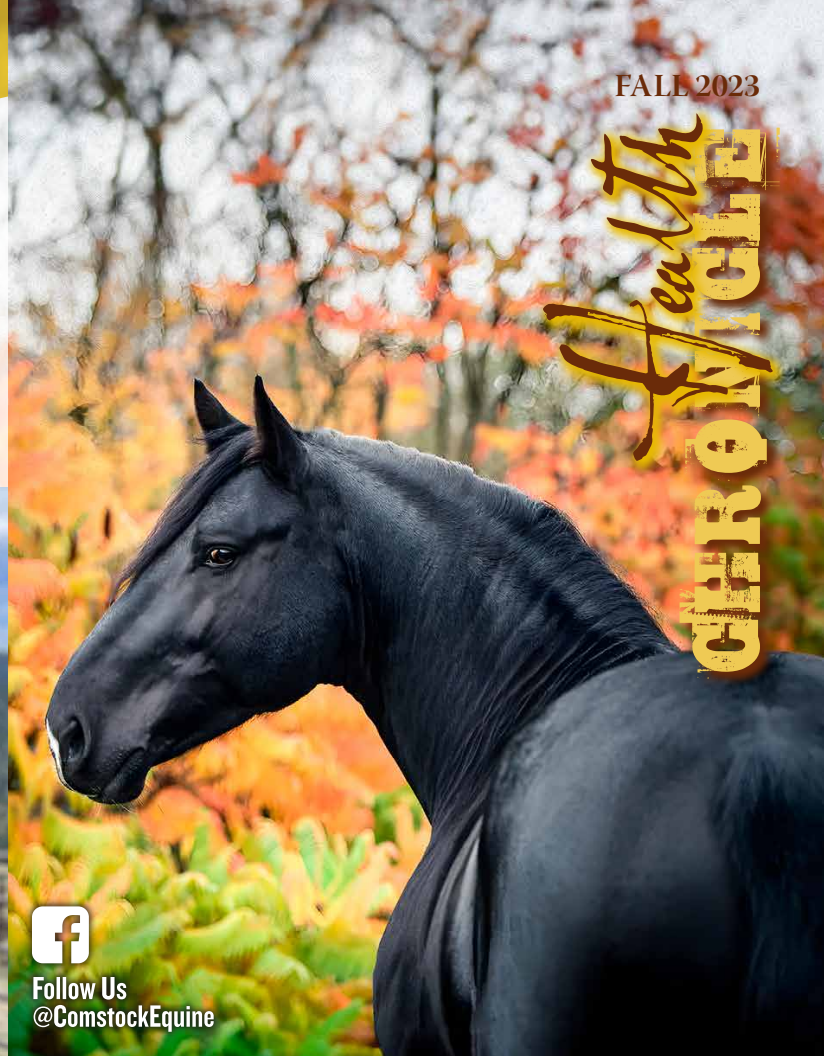


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Welcome! Dr. Lingna Horton and Dr. Wesley Pezzini

Dr. Lingna Horton is a native of Weathersfield, Vermont. She received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine of Tufts University. Dr. Horton is joining us for a year long equine medicine and surgery internship. Her professional interests include surgery, podiatry, and chiropractic. In her free time, Dr. Horton enjoys hiking with her dog Arya, horseback riding, cooking, reading and gardening.

Dr. Wesley Pezzini is a native of Salina, California. He received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Pezzini is joining us for a year long equine medicine and surgery internship. His professional interests include large animal general practice and sports medicine. In his free time, Dr. Pezzini enjoys team roping on his Quarter Horse gelding Reed, hunting, fishing, skiing, general ranch work and trail riding, and watching San Francisco 49ers games. 🐾



Equine Recurrent Uveitis

Wesley J. Pezzini DVM

Equine Recurrent Uveitis (aka “Moon Blindness” or “Periodic Ophthalmia”) is the most common cause of blindness in horses. ERU is a complex autoimmune disorder that leads to inflammation within the eye. Repeated bouts of inflammation (flare-ups) cause irreversible damage to ocular structures and ultimately result in impaired or complete loss of vision. During flare-ups, signs of eye discomfort (tearing, rubbing, squinting, and eye redness or cloudiness) are usually displayed. Chronic, secondary complications include cataracts, glaucoma (increased ocular pressure), mis-shaped pupils, retinal disease, and corneal defects. This disease may affect each eye asymmetrically.

A definitive cause of the initial inflammation is rarely found, but both genetic and environmental factors contribute to disease progression. Appaloosas are 8 times more likely to develop ERU than other breeds and are significantly more likely to become blind in one or both eyes. Other breeds commonly affected in the U.S. include Quarter Horses, Warmbloods, Thoroughbreds, Hanoverians, and Paints. Environmental pathogens, like Leptospirosis, also may play a role in the development of ERU. The eye can harbor Lepto organisms and trigger uveitis at unpredictable intervals. Vaccination against Lepto has not been shown to be effective at preventing ERU.

Diagnosis is typically made through a complete ophthalmic examination, as well as a history of ocular discomfort or cloudiness. Bloodwork (CBC/Serum Biochemistry Panel) may be indicated to rule out other causes of uveitis. Serologic testing for Leptospira can be helpful in determining exposure to this risk factor. Genetic testing for the LP allele (responsible for the white spotting pattern) can be performed to identify horses at a high risk of developing ERU. Horses who are at a higher risk should have their eyes frequently examined so ERU can be detected early and treated most effectively.

Treatment is typically aimed at stopping inflammation and preserving vision. Topical ophthalmic drugs and systemic anti-inflammatories are typically indicated. In severe cases, injections of more potent anti-inflammatories into the eye may be warranted. One surgical option available is a suprachoroidal cyclosporine implant. This device continuously releases an immunosuppressive drug over the affected eye for up to 3 years. If progression of ERU has made an eye blind and continually painful, enucleation (removal of the eye) may be a humane option.

While there is no cure for ERU, treatments can be implemented early to slow the progression of the disease and ultimately maintain a horse's vision for a greater length of time. 🐾



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FALL VACCINE CLINIC SCHEDULE

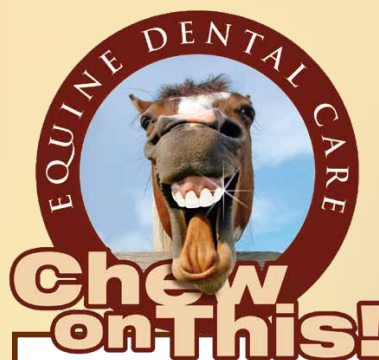
Area	Day	Date
Washoe Valley 1	Tues	5-Sep
Washoe Valley 2	Fri	15-Sep
Washoe Valley 3	Thurs	21-Sep
Washoe Valley 4	Wed	11-Oct
SW Reno 1	Thurs	7-Sep
SW Reno 2	Mon	2-Oct
SW Reno 3	Tues	10-Oct
SW Reno 4	Wed	18-Oct
Mt. Rose/Pleasant Valley 1	Wed	13-Sep
Mt. Rose/Pleasant Valley 2	Thurs	28-Sep
Lemmon/Antelope Valley 1	Wed	6-Sep
Lemmon/Antelope Valley 2	Tues	19-Sep
Lemmon/Antelope Valley 3	Thurs	12-Oct
Spanish Springs 1	Mon	11-Sep
Spanish Springs 2	Tues	26-Sep
Spanish Springs 3	Thurs	19-Oct
Noth Valleys 1	Tues	12-Sep
North Valleys 2	Fri	13-Oct
Golden/Sun Valley 1	Thurs	14-Sep
Golden/Sun Valley 2	Fri	29-Sep
Carson/Dayton 1	Wed	6-Sep
Carson/Dayton 2	Wed	20-Sep
Carson/Dayton3	Mon	9-Oct
Toll Rd/VC Highlands 1	Fri	8-Sep
Toll Rd/VC Highlands 2	Tues	17-Oct
West Reno/Verdi-Mogul	Wed	27-Sep
Palomino Valley 1	Mon	25-Sep
Palomino Valley 2	Mon	2-Oct
Stagecoach/Silver Springs 1	Fri	22-Sep

FALL CLINIC PRICING

Farm Call	40
Physical/Wellness Exam	40
Flu/Rhino	48
Rabies	30
Strangles	53
Deworm	33
Deworm (Foal/Mini)	29
Fecal Exam	26
Clean Sheath	60
Sedation- Starts At	70
Coggins	50
Health Certificate	45
Health Certificate Additional Horse	30
EECVI (6 month health certificate)	110

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