

Fall Is Here!

Fall is the time of year you should think of a few things for your horses:

- If we mentioned this spring that your horse may need to have its teeth floated, call now to schedule that appointment. Remember, your horse will get through winter easier with a good set of teeth!
- Fall Flu-Rhino boosters are also due at this time.
- After the first hard frost, your horse needs an ivermectin wormer. We recommend Equimax or Zimectrin Gold. These two wormers will not only get bots, but will kill tapeworms as well.
- This is also the time of year that all those stud colts can become geldings, if you would like. The days are mild and the flies are less pesky. Call ahead to schedule that appointment!



Keep and Eye on the Herd!

With the drying of the grasses and brush in the fall, the incidence of eye injuries increases in horses. Many eye injuries can turn from bad to worse in a very short amount of time. Watch your horses carefully for signs of irritation. Some of the signs that may indicate your horse has an eye problem are: weeping, swelling around the eye, squinting, eyelashes pointing down instead of out, redness, dilated pupil or constricted pupil.



If you notice any of these signs in your horse, please call immediately. Your horse's eye will need to be stained with a special dye that helps us to determine if there is an ulcer (scratch to the cornea.) The dyes we use can also tell us the depth and severity of the ulcer, if there is one. There are different treatments prescribed depending on the outcome of the test. Ulcers that are treated aggressively and in a timely manner usually heal up fine with no lasting effects on the eye. Ulcers that are left untreated can lead to a rupture of the cornea or cause enough swelling in the eye to detach the retina. This obviously would cause vision impairment and/or warrant surgical removal of the eye. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail us!