

Spring Has Sprung!!

Spring Vaccinations

It's that time of year again when horse owners should start thinking about spring vaccinations. Common core spring vaccines include Rabies and a 4-way which includes Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE), Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (WEE), Tetanus, and Equine Influenza Virus. It is also important to consider West Nile Virus (WNV) and Potomac Horse Fever.

Last summer there were 7 confirmed cases of EEE in New York State. EEE, WEE and WNV are blood born diseases that are spread by mosquito vectors. The initial signs are non-specific and include fever, depression and anorexia. The diseases will then progress with neurologic signs and death within a week. EEE, WEE and West Nile are diagnosed with a blood test. If you suspect any of these symptoms, please call us immediately. The sooner these diseases are diagnosed, the better the chance for recovery.

Your horses can be protected against these deadly diseases with vaccines. Rabies Vaccine must be given by a licensed veterinarian. If you would like to set up an ap-



pointment to have your horses vaccinated please call the office at 386-2754.

Spring Deworming

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It's also important to make sure that your horses are free of parasites before turning them out to pasture for the spring. Some of you may remember that Dr. Bliss, from Minnesota, did a parasite evaluation lab on samples that you submitted last summer. He will be coming again in June. The clinic also has the ability to run similar fecals in house, with same day results.

Ideally horses should be free of parasites before being turned out to pasture and then should be dewormed again in July. Heavily parasitized animals will have trouble keeping or putting on weight, or a poor hair coat. They can even suffer from a blood clot if their parasite load is high enough. Besides, grain prices are high enough, who wants to feed intestinal worms???

Unfortunately many parasites are becoming resistant to some of the ivermectin dewormers. If you have recently dewormed with one of these dewormers, it would be a good idea to have another fecal checked to ensure that your horse is not suffering from resistant parasites. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the clinic.

K-Laser



K-Laser now available!

Canton Animal Clinic is proud to announce that we now have laser therapy available for our equine patients. The K-Laser is a therapeutic laser that can be used on arthritis, soft tissue injuries, new and old wounds, and more! It works at a cellular level by increasing pro-healing

cytokines while decreasing inflammatory mediators. All of our technicians and doctors have been certified in K-Laser therapy. If you would like to set up an appointment for laser therapy or would like to have more information on laser therapy, please call the clinic.

Veterinary Client—Patient Relationship



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We would like to take this time to remind you of what a Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) is. This is a term often used by veterinarians that describes our relationship with you and your animals. By law, it is required that we do not sell prescription drugs to clients without an overall knowledge of the intended use of the drug. If your horse has not had a physical exam within a year, or

has not been seen for the current injury or illness, we are unable to sell you prescription medications until a current physical exam and/or evaluation of the animal has been completed by a clinic veterinary staff member. Please call our office if you have any other questions or would like to set up an appointment for your equine yearly physical exam!

Product Update



Tribissen paste is no longer being manufactured. This is a sulfa drug that is used for many different infections. There are still sulfas available in powder and tablet form, however the paste is being discontinued. We are looking into having the drug compounded with different flavors. If you are interested in

this, please call the office as this will need to be special ordered.

We now have Dormosedan paste available. This is a sedative that usually has to be injected intravenously. If you have a horse that is refractory to clipping, having its teeth

floated or farrier work done, this drug can be given like a dewormer and will take effect within 30 minutes. We will need to do a physical exam prior to dispensing this drug to ensure that your horse is healthy enough to for sedation. Call the clinic if you are interested.