

## **Mission Acres Vaccination, Deworming, and Sickness Policies**

### **Vaccination Policy:**

#### **When to vaccinate:**

Vaccinations are administered in the Spring in order to protect horses from several diseases that are transmitted by mosquitos.

#### **Recommended frequency:**

Annually, except for the tetanus vaccine which you may want to administer in the Spring, followed by a tetanus booster at the six-month mark. The reason is, if a horse gets a wound and they have not had the tetanus vaccine within six months of getting the wound, they are more susceptible to getting the disease.

#### **Types of vaccinations:**

**4-way** - Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE), Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (WEE), Tetanus, and Influenza (Flu)

**5-way** - contains those listed above, and Equine Herpes Virus ("rhinopneumonitis")

**6-way** - contains those contained within the 5-way, plus West Nile

**All horses coming onto the property for boarding must have documented proof of the following, and then annual vaccinations as noted above, unless you have a letter from your Vet stating that you are not to vaccinate:**

- A minimum of a 4-way vaccine that has been administered within 1 years' time
- An up-to-date tetanus vaccine
- Deworming or a fecal test within 2 weeks of arrival

### **Deworming Policy:**

#### **Biannual fecal testing**

In order to implement an effective deworming program, we require fecal testing be done on every horse on the property. Testing provides you with a quantitative value that states how many eggs your horse is passing in every gram of manure. This allows you to choose a deworming product that best suits your horses needs and ensures that you are reducing the number of eggs that are being deposited in the field, and therefore to other horses in the herd.

- Submission – late April or May and July or August (not required in Winter as parasites are not producing eggs)

The Veterinarian will provide you with a report, and deworming regiment, if needed. This is to be submitted to the Facility Director, as well as proof showing that the regiment is being followed.

**Please be aware that fecal samples are only viable for 24 hrs after expulsion, and must be stored in a cool area, such as a fridge. Contact your Vet for specific details.**

It is your responsibility to deworm your horse. If you require assistance or direction, please ask the Facility Director. You must attend to these requirements in the timelines established by Mission Acres. If you do not, then penalties will be determined

### **Sickness Policy:**

If during your travels, your horse has come into contact with a sick or a "suspected" sick horse, or your horse is on-site, and show signs of sickness you must inform Mission Acres as soon as you are made aware of it. Decisions of care, including possible quarantine will be done in communication with the Facility Director and/or a Veterinarian. Quarantine may last a minimum of 2 weeks but will be decided based on the Veterinarian's recommendations. If your horse is moved to a quarantine paddock you will be charged paddock boarding rates.

These policies are based on Mission Acres minimum requirements. We encourage you to discuss with your Veterinarian the best course of action beyond these minimum requirements, for you and your horse.