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EQUINE GENERAL CARE

- 1) **Farrier/Blacksmith** every 6-8 weeks.
- 2) **Vaccinations** minimum 2 times per year, typically up to 3-4 times. Basic vaccinations include:
 - ❖ Encephalitis (eastern & western)
 - ❖ Influenza
 - ❖ Rhinopneumonitis
 - ❖ Rabies in the spring (1 time per year).
 - ❖ West Nile Virus (Prevenile is once a year)
- 3) **De-sand** your horse once every month for 7 days using a psyllium based product such as:
 - ❖ EQUI-AID
 - ❖ Sandblast
 - ❖ Sand Clear
- 4) **De-worm** your horse on a regular schedule – see handout.
- 5) **Senior diet** recommended for older horses. Feed according to work level.
 - ❖ Good quality feed always recommended.
 - ❖ Good quality hay. Roll bales good for all day eating, but may not help to gain weight on thin horses.
- 6) **Feed Storage** should have a minimum of 2 barriers (locks):
 - ❖ Door to feed room that is locked.
 - ❖ Locked bin INSIDE feed room.
- 7) **Horses Teeth:**
 - ❖ Oral exam at least once a year.
 - ❖ Floating as recommended by your veterinarian
- 8) **Pasture management:**
 - ❖ Barbed wire is NOT recommended for horses.
 - ❖ Pick up manure.
 - ❖ Fertilize, seed and irrigate pastures.
 - ❖ Your local Ag Extension office can help