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GENERAL VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Annual (once a year): Tetanus, Eastern and Western Encephalitis (sleeping sickness)-(TEW or 3-Way)
West Nile Virus (WNV)
Rabies Virus (RV)
Strangles Intranasal (April / Spring)

BIANNUAL (every 6 months): Influenza (EIV)/Rhinopneumonitis (EHV):
Recommended for backyard horses with limited exposure to other horses.

QUARTERLY (every 3 months): Influenza (EIV)/Rhinopneumonitis (EHV):
Recommended for horses in crowded environments (large stables).

*These are general recommendations and they may change at any time due to disease prevalence in the area and/or new emerging diseases.

ROTATIONAL DEWORMING*:

	<u>Drug name</u>	<u>Ex. of brand name</u>
January/Winter:	ivermectin	Zimectrin, Eqvalan
April/Spring:	2x dose pyrantel or ivermectin & praziquantel	Strongid EquiMax
July/Summer:	fenbendazole	Panacur
October/Fall:	pyrantel pamoate	Strongid

*We recommend annual fecal exams in the spring to evaluate worm load and potential resistance to the current dewormers.

GERIATRIC HORSES: If horse is 15 years or older, we highly recommend an annual physical exam and bloodwork. Older horses are living longer due to better preventative medicine.

TEETH FLOATING: Annual teeth floating is recommended for most horses. We will check your horses teeth each time we vaccinate him/her and inform you if dental care is required. If it has been longer than 2 years since the last float, please schedule an appointment with us. The horse is usually sedated to ensure safety of the handler and the horse. Only licensed veterinarians or individuals under the supervision of a veterinarian on the premise, by law, may float a horse's teeth.

SHEATH CLEANING: For geldings and stallions, annual sheath cleaning is recommended. The horse is usually sedated to ensure safety of the handler and horse.

PSYLLIUM: If your horse is fed on the ground in a sandy environment, he/she should be given psyllium orally during the first week of the month (7 days in a row). This is to prevent sand colic.