



NOTES FROM PILCHUCK

February 2004

West Nile Virus Vaccination Clinic

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH - SAVE THE DATE!

Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital will again offer reduced price vaccinations against West Nile Virus (WNV) to horses brought to the hospital facility in Snohomish, on Saturday, March 6th, between 9 AM - 3 PM. The vaccination will be offered at \$20 per injection, payable at the time it is given. In order to insure adequate protection against the disease, which causes encephalitis (inflammation of the brain and spinal cord), the vaccination must be given as a series of two injections four weeks apart if a horse has not previously been vaccinated against WNV, or if the horse's protection has lapsed. Once the primary series of two injections has been administered, an annual booster is needed to maintain adequate protection. Other routine equine vaccinations will also be administered to horses brought to the March 6th clinic for WNV vaccination, at the owner's request.

West Nile Virus, which has been spreading westward from New York since August 1999, has a mortality rate of 30 - 40% in horses. The infection must pass directly from an infected bird, via a mosquito, to a horse or human. In other words, once it reaches a horse or human, it dead-ends. So far, the Pacific Northwest has seen a relatively small number of horses infected with West Nile Virus. This may be due to the dry summer we experienced in 2003, which seemed to reduce the number of mosquitoes in our area, or to horse owner awareness of the disease, which meant many horses were vaccinated prior to the 2003 mosquito season. We hope we are as fortunate in 2004. The best defense horse owners have is to minimize exposure to mosquitoes through the use of repellents, to remove any standing water around their barns and pastures where mosquitoes breed, and to make sure that their horse has been vaccinated and receives an annual booster.

The March 6th WNV clinic will be the fourth Pilchuck has offered since the disease was identified as a threat to Pacific Northwest horses, in 2002. Past WNV clinics at the hospital have run smoothly, without much delay for those trailering in horses. They have been a very popular with our area's horse owners. For more information or directions, please call our equine office at 360.568.3111. Directions and a map to the hospital are also available on our web site (click on About Us) at www.pilchuckvet.com.

New Postcard Reminder System as of January 2004

Our new postcard mailers are offered as a convenience for our clients to remind them to schedule their horse's vaccinations, dentals, follow-up/recheck exams, etc.

We know how important your horse's health is to you, and hope our timely reminders will be helpful!

GOOD NEWS FOR OUR CLIENTS!

Pilchuck is going to have two doctors instead of one available for equine ambulatory (farm) calls on Saturdays, starting March 6th. One doctor will be seeing scheduled appointments as usual, and the other will be caring for emergency cases. A rotation of all of the equine ambulatory staff (Dr. Mike Salewski, Dr. Brandi Holohan, Dr. Bob Gregory, and Dr. Kari DeLeeuw) on Saturdays will enable clients to make appointments with the doctor of their choice on the Saturdays that doctor is scheduled to work. The addition of Dr. DeLeeuw (pronounced Dee-Loe) to our regular equine ambulatory doctor staff has made it possible for us to offer this new Saturday service to our clients.

Introducing...

Many of you have not yet had the opportunity to meet Dr. Kari DeLeeuw. Dr. DeLeeuw graduated from the University of California at Davis Veterinary School, in 2002. After a one-year, post doctoral internship with Pilchuck's Equine Hospital Division from July 2002 to July 2003, Dr. DeLeeuw furthered her education through a course in veterinary chiropractic therapy at the Healing Oasis Wellness Center, in Wisconsin. Following that, she was hired by Pilchuck as a regular ambulatory staff doctor, in October 2003. Dr. De Leeuw joins Dr. Mike Salewski in offering chiropractic therapy to both the large and small animal patients of Pilchuck, as a complementary or alternative approach to healing. Dr. DeLeeuw's special interest is in keeping the equine athlete performing at its best through lameness diagnosis, chiropractic treatment, and proper saddle fit. She is interested in spinal manipulative therapy for dogs, ranging from competitive agility dogs to those dealing with arthritis or neurologic deficits. Away from the hospital, she hikes, runs, and rides her own horses.



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EQUINE VACCINATION PROTOCOL

from the recommendations made by the American Association of Equine Practitioners, based on new research in equine immunology

	FOALS	PERFORMANCE	PLEASURE	BROODMARES
MOST IMPORTANT	<p>Initial series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tetanus Equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern & Western sleeping sickness or EEE/WEE) West Nile Equine herpesvirus (Rhinopneumonitis) Equine influenza <p>Foals from vaccinated mares: Start initial series of 3 no earlier than 6 months (6, 7, 8 months)</p> <p>Foals from unvaccinated mares:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 3, 4, 5 months of age, or earlier May need to start tetanus series at birth 	<p>Tetanus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 X per year in spring At the time of penetrating injury if not vaccinated within last six months <p>Equine encephalomyelitis (EEE/WEE) 1 X per year in spring</p> <p>West Nile Initial series of 2 (3-6 weeks apart) then minimum of 1 X year in spring.</p> <p>Equine herpesvirus (Rhinopneumonitis) EHV-1 & EHV-4 every 3-6 months</p> <p>Equine influenza Intranasal every 6 months</p>	<p>Tetanus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 X per year in spring At the time of penetrating injury if not vaccinated within last six months <p>Equine encephalomyelitis (EEE/WEE) 1 X per year in spring</p> <p>West Nile Initial series of 2 (3-6 wks apart) then minimum of 1 X year in spring.</p> <p>Rhino & Flu: 1 - 2 X per year; 4 weeks prior to exposure (horse show or event)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equine herpesvirus (Rhinopneumonitis) EHV-1 & EHV-4 Equine influenza - intranasal 	<p>Equine herpesvirus (Rhinopneumonitis) EHV-1 at 5, 7, 9 months gestation</p> <p>Boosters: Give boosters 4-6 weeks prior to due date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tetanus Equine encephalomyelitis (EEE/WEE) West Nile Equine Influenza
BY VET'S RECOMMENDATION	<p>Streptococcus equi (Strangles) Intranasal vaccine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose at 6 - 9 months 2nd dose 3 weeks later <p>Potomac Horse Fever</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st dose at 5 - 6 months 2nd dose at 6 - 7 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streptococcus equi (Strangles) Intranasal vaccine Potomac Horse Fever (Equine monocytic ehrlichiosis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streptococcus equi (Strangles) Intranasal vaccine Potomac Horse Fever (Equine monocytic ehrlichiosis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streptococcus equi (Strangles) Intranasal vaccine Potomac Horse Fever (Equine monocytic ehrlichiosis)

PILCHUCK NOW OFFERS A CONVENIENT, COST EFFECTIVE, WELLNESS PROGRAM

Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital is pleased to announce that it now offers a Wellness Program for your horse. What is a Wellness Program? Basically, it is a program designed to offer the necessary yearly health care for your horse in one convenient package. This program includes yearly examinations for your horse, vaccinations, deworming program and a dental float. By enrolling in the program, you will increase the involvement of your veterinarian in your horse's health care. Participation in the program decreases the risk that your horse will contract diseases such as influenza, ensuring more healthy days for your horse, especially if your horse is in training or showing, and also decreases the risk of colic by maintaining a good deworming program. Most importantly, having the direct involvement of your veterinarian through yearly health and dental exams, will allow for the early identification and correction of problems before they result in life or career threatening disorders and large veterinary bills. In short, the Wellness Program gives you the opportunity to be proactive in the health care needs of your horse, and reduce the risk of preventable diseases.

For participating horse owners, the program will include: two farm visits (if you enroll more than one of your own horses, you still will receive only one set of farm call charges), two yearly examinations, one dental float, one Eastern and Western encephalitis/tetanus vaccine, two flu/Rhino vaccinations, and one West Nile vaccination, all administered by your regular Pilchuck veterinarian. In addition, you will receive eight dewormers, two of which will be an ivermectin & praziquantal combination. Appointments for the exams and vaccinations can be made six months in advance, or we will send out a reminder card when it's time to schedule your horse's next visit. Annual renewal will be easy if you choose to continue to participate and, as always, new, important or timely health care issues will be discussed with you each year. Within Pilchuck's Wellness Program there will be optional additions, including Flu/rhino injections four times a year for show horses, and sheath cleaning for geldings. The Wellness Program is available for all horses over one year of age; a separate program tailored to the specific needs of foals through their first year of life is also available and will include the initial 3 series of vaccinations, a healthy foal exam, a dental exam at one year of age, a conformation evaluation during the vaccine exams, and the eight dewormers as above.

If you pay for the program at the time you enroll your horse, there will be a 10% discount offered. And you won't have to keep track of when your horse's routine work is due, because we will be doing that for you!

In addition to our own Wellness Program, Pilchuck will continue to offer enrollment in the Pfizer Preventicare Program. Pfizer's program offers up to \$5000 toward the cost of a colic surgery. Pilchuck and Pfizer both offer the same services within their programs, however the Pfizer program requires that the enrolled horse be fed Strongid C daily dewormer in order to participate. Other restrictions apply to Pfizer's program and should be discussed with your veterinarian in order to help you determine the most beneficial program for you and your horse(s).

If you would like more information or want to enroll in one of the programs above, please call our equine office during business hours at 360-568-3111, or discuss it with one of our doctors during your next farm visit.

The Wellness Program is an investment in the welfare of your horse.

PUGET SOUND EQUINE REPRODUCTION CENTER

a Division of Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital

offers complete Reproduction Services for your Mare or Stallion.

Located in Snohomish, it is a state-of-the-art facility staffed by Pilchuck Equine Veterinarians.

For information or to schedule an appointment, call 360.568.7455