

Vaccination Guidelines

IS YOUR HORSE AT RISK?

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Do you remember the last time you vaccinated your horse?

If you don't, it is likely that your friend is due for a booster. The 2 most common horse diseases are **Tetanus** and **Strangles**.

TETANUS is a disease that can affect humans and animals, but the horse is the most susceptible. A wound may easily become infected with the Tetanus spores, which then affect the muscles. Signs include stiff gait, tail held out, ears constantly pricked. Convulsions may occur and death is caused by paralysis of the breathing muscles. If an unvaccinated horse is injured, you may need IMMEDIATE coverage against Tetanus.

STRANGLES is an important infectious disease caused by a bacteria called *Streptococcus equi*. It is especially contagious in foals, and often leads to large outbreaks. Signs include pus discharge from nostrils, swelling in the lymph glands under the jaw, depression, fever and lack of appetite. Isolation and recovery may take up to 3 months.



Foals			Adult Horses		
1st Vaccination	12 wks	Tetanus/Strangles	1st Vaccination		Tetanus/Strangles
2nd Vaccination	14 wks	Strangles	2nd Vaccination	2 wks later	Strangles
3rd Vaccination	16 wks	Tetanus/Strangles	3rd Vaccination	2 wks later	Tetanus/Strangles
1st Booster	16 mths	Tetanus/Strangles	1st Booster	12 mths later	Tetanus/Strangles
Long Term Protection	Annually Every 4-5 years	Tetanus/Strangles	Long Term Protection	Annually Every 4-5 years	Tetanus/Strangles