

EQUINE VACCINATIONS

Vaccination is the core of Isle Valley Equine clinic's preventative healthcare service. Not only does vaccination offer protection against debilitating and potentially fatal diseases it also provides the opportunity for your horse to receive a veterinary examination and for you to discuss all aspects of your horses health and welfare with the experts on annual basis.

Vaccines are available to protect your horse against three major diseases

TETANUS

It is essential to vaccinate all horses, a disease of the nervous system caused by a toxin produced by a soil born bacterium called Clostridium Tetani. Tetanus is often fatal and can develop in any unvaccinated horse if the wound becomes infected with these bacteria. Tetanus vaccine is very effective and involves two injections four to six weeks apart with the first booster after one year and subsequent boosters every two years.

EQUINE INFLUENZA

This is a common viral respiratory infection in the horse causing upper and lower airway disease with chronic coughing. Affected horses usually require a significant period of recuperation and may also develop respiratory allergies following recovery. Vaccination against Equine influenza is a requirement for competition under Jockey Club rules and most other equine authorities. Two injections four to six weeks apart with the first booster at five to seven months and subsequent annual boosters are required. The FEI now requires booster vaccination every six months. We will endeavour, but cannot guarantee, to send booster reminders. Tetanus and influenza vaccine can be combined in a single injection.

EQUINE HERPES VIRUS1,4

Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) causes low grade respiratory disease and is very common in race horses and competition horses. Vaccination is recommended in these groups of horses or any horse that travels extensively. EHV can also cause abortion pregnant mares and vaccination at the fifth, seventh, and ninth months of pregnancy is recommended in brood mares.

We offer the above vaccinations as part of our Free Visit days. One day a week one of our vets is in your area undertaking routine work such as vaccinations and dental work so there is no visit or call out charge. For further details, please telephone or visit our website.

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