

TIPS FOR ENSURING A HEALTHY PREGNANCY

Now that she is pregnant it is time to maintain that pregnancy and give her the best chance to produce a live, healthy foal.

Hopefully, she is starting her pregnancy in good body condition. If that is the case her nutritional needs are the same as any other horse. Naturally as her pregnancy progresses (particularly in the last three months of gestation) the foal will make more demands and the quantity of her feed should be increased to maintain a consistent weight/condition throughout her pregnancy.

Here are a few recommendations for her care:

- Vaccines - Rhino vaccine at 5, 7 and 9 months of pregnancy (recommend Ft. Dodge Pheumabort K+1b)
- Pre-foaling vaccines - 4/6 weeks prior to due date (for transfer of passive immunity to foal)
- Maintain normal de-worming during pregnancy. (We do not recommend using QUEST)
De-worm again within 24 hours of foaling
- If your mare has a caslick (vulva sutured down), schedule to have it opened 2-4 weeks prior to her due date
- Mare should be off fescue grass and hay for the last two months of pregnancy (3 months is even better)