



COASTAL ELITE VETERINARY SERVICES

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EQUINE NUTRITION QUESTIONNAIRE

Owner _____

Horse _____

Breed _____

Age _____

Training Program

Please describe your current training program, including type of work, number of days per week and minutes per workout. What concerns you have about your horse, and why are you seeking a nutrition consult?

Current Feeding Program

Pasture Y/N _____

If Yes, # hours per day _____

Hay

Type _____

of Feedings _____ #Feedings perDay _____

How is it fed? (Hay, ground fed, feeders, ect.) _____

Concentrates

Brand of feed(s) _____

per feeding _____ # feedings per day _____

Please List All Supplements:

Please use the back of this sheet to share any other information you feel would be helpful in formulating a nutrition plan.

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Deworming Small Ruminants and Camelids

When to deworm? What product? How often should I be deworming? These are common questions and concerns with owners that usually spark a good discussion on parasite management. Internal parasites in goats, sheep, alpacas and llamas are a major concern. The hard part is finding a balance between deworming the animals that need it while also maintaining refugia. Refugia may be a new term for some people, the idea is to maintain a population of worms that are susceptible to the deworming products that we use. Parasite resistance is becoming more and more of an issue. To attempt to slow development of resistance we need to use two management techniques to determine WHO should be dewormed:

FAMACHA

The FAMACHA scoring system is used to find animals affected by the barberpole worm, *Haemonchus contortus*. This worm sucks blood and causes anemia, or low red blood cell counts, in animals which then leads to decreased activity and energy. The FAMACHA score is based off of the color of the mucous membranes – bright pink-red is a healthy animal whereas white means a severely anemic and sick animal. Our veterinarians are trained in the FAMACHA scoring method and it is a quick screening tool for your whole herd.

1. Fecal egg counts

This method monitors for other internal parasites that do not suck blood but also cause sick animals. Besides being able to determine which type of parasite eggs are present, this method also allows you to see how much of a parasite load is present in the individual animal. Another benefit is that we can repeat the FEC 14 days after deworming to see if that particular dewormer is effective.

Choosing the deworming product ideally is based upon the history of the farm and efficacy of that product (proven with FEC). Rotating between products will speed up the development of parasite resistance so one dewormer should be used until it no longer works – based on FECs, FAMACHA scoring, and clinical signs. The best time to deworm is in the spring as the parasite eggs hatch and infect young animals or reinfect the herd and also in the fall once the ground freezes. Giving the correct amount of dewormer is also important so determining each animal's weight is ideal.

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The easiest way to do this for small ruminants is show in this picture:

MEAT SHEEP ALLIANCE OF FLORIDA

No Scale? No Problem.

With hair sheep this system is quite accurate in determining weight within 1 or 2 pounds. With wool sheep it's difficult to know how tight to pull the tape to get a measurement on the size of the sheep under the wool, so getting accurate inches to do the math is harder.

Measure from the point of the shoulder to the pin bone, and around the heart girth.
Pull tape snugly around heart girth.

- Accurately Dose Dewormers & Medications
- Know Market Lamb Weights For Sales
- Know Average Weight of Rams & Ewe Flock



**GIRTH X GIRTH X LENGTH \div 300 =
WEIGHT WITHIN 2 lbs.**

Information from Tractor Supply.com Compiled by Ruth Taber, Calovine Farm

Keeping a record of an individual animal's age, weight, FAMACHA score, and FEC helps to monitor changes in each animal over time and catch any resistance or problems early.

Coastal Elite's Dr. Mahalchick and Associates would be more than happy to answer any questions you have and perform a herd health check. Another resource is the website Wormx.info that has resources on managing parasite resistance, deworming, and other related topics.

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SmartPak

SmartPak ColiCare

Overview
Up to \$10,000 surgical reimbursement over horse's lifetime
Annual physical exam, dental examination and compliance with recommendations
Annual core vaccines plus recommended
Deworming program with veterinarian: minimum 1 fecal egg count, 2 deworming administrations
Ineligible Costs: those reimbursed by third party or non-surgical colic care

Eligibility
Horse must reside in U.S. and be under direct care of licensed veterinarian, be at least 5 months old and fully weaned
Ineligible if: any previous colic or abdominal surgery, history of chronic colic (3+ within any 12 month period), experienced a colic episode in the 12 months prior
Qualifying products: Smart Digest Ultra Powder or Pellets, SmartGI Ultra Pellets, SmartCombo Ultra Pellets, SmartCombo Senior Ultra Pellets, SmartCombo Ultimate Pellets, or SmartR&R Pellets
Product must have been fed for at least 28 days prior and the entire time since acceptance (28 day leeway in 12 month period)
SmartPak can revise or cancel this program with 90 days notice to customer.

Platinum Performance

Platinum Colic Coverage

Overview
Up to \$8,000 or \$10,000 for colic surgery assistance fees over horse's lifetime
Annual physical exam, dental examination and compliance with recommendations
Annual core vaccines plus recommended
Deworming program with veterinarian: minimum 1 fecal egg count, 1 deworming administration
Platinum Performance can revise or cancel this program with 90 days notice to customer.

Eligibility
Horse must reside in U.S. and be under direct care of licensed veterinarian, be at least 5 months old and fully weaned
Ineligible if: any previous colic or abdominal surgery, history of chronic colic (3+ veterinarian-attended colic within any 12 month period), a colic episode in the 12 months prior to applying
\$8,000 coverage: Platinum Performance Equine or Platinum Performance CJ
\$10,000 coverage: Platinum Performance GI, PP Equine and Platinum Balance, PP Equine and Platinum Gastric Support, PP CJ and Platinum Gastric Support
Product must have been fed for at least 28 days prior to surgery and for the entire time since acceptance

Arenus

ColicAssurance Program

Overview
Up to \$10,000 medical or surgical reimbursement over lifetime of the horse. Medical colics up to \$600/event
Annual physical exam, dental examination and compliance with veterinarian's recommendations
Annual core vaccines as well as any recommended by veterinarian
Deworming program with veterinarian: minimum 1 fecal egg count, 2 deworming administrations (praziquantel and moxidectin or 5 day double dose fenbendazole)
Horses with a history of 3+ colic episodes in 12 months prior to enrollment must be colic free for 12 months before reimbursement
Horses with a history of 1 colic surgery have lifetime maximum of \$2500 in months 13-24m so long as the first 12 months are colic-free.

Eligibility
Horse must reside in U.S. and be under direct care of licensed veterinarian, be at least 5 months old and fully weaned
Ineligible if: more than one abdominal surgery, attending veterinarian can't rule out other causes of colic other than digestive, either a presumptive or confirmed diagnosis of lipomas or enterolithiasis, or is a miniature horse, donkey, burro, mule, zebra, or zorse
Any qualified horse that has 3+ colic episodes while enrolled will no longer be eligible for benefits
Qualifying products: Assure Guard, Assure Plus, or Assure Guard Gold
Product must have been fed for the loading period and all consecutive calendar days since
Assurance Health Programs, LLC can revise or cancel this

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Coronavirus

Coastal Elite Veterinary Services has always held ourselves to the highest biosecurity standards but we have taken this opportunity to streamline and heighten our protocols. We are dedicated to providing your animals with care and will remain operating under regular hours, including 24/7 emergency coverage, during this time.

Here are some of the ways our team is working to protect you, your loved ones, and ourselves:

-All doctors are equipped with disinfectant in our trucks to sanitize our hands and our equipment between each call.

-If any of our staff experiences symptoms of illness, they will be staying home- no ill team members will be traveling to your farms or our office until cleared by their doctors.

-Since the virus can be transferred via clothing, all of our doctors and techs have a change of clothes in the trucks in the event their clothing becomes compromised between calls.

-To reduce exposure, we strongly urge our clients to call ahead before stopping by the office. We will continue to dispense medications as needed from our office but they will be left in our outdoor box for you to pick up as we are going to keep the inside of the office restricted to essential employees only until further notice.

-In high tension situations communication is imperative!

For both scheduled appointments & emergencies- if you are feeling ill or if you would prefer to not be present during our visit, give us a call! The well being of our clients and patients is our top priority. We are always willing to help and care for your animals- we can arrange to bring an assistant with us to your farm, eliminating the need for you to assist us all while communicating with you electronically.

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Instituting biosecurity procedures and contingency plans in your barns is highly recommended. This should include a protocol for the care of your animals in the event that you are unable to care for them yourself and at least a 1 month supply of feed and medications needed for your animals. If you are having trouble finding necessary medications online please contact our office- we are happy to assist in any way we can.

-Your pets are safe from COVID-19. This strain of corona virus is not zoonotic, meaning it cannot be transmitted from humans to pets or vice versa.

-There is information circulating the internet stating that there is a livestock vaccine for coronavirus the vaccine prevents diarrhea in calves caused by bovine corona virus, which is an entirely different pathogen from the one that causes COVID-19. This vaccine will not protect humans against COVID19 and can potentially make you ill.

It is NEVER advised to use veterinary immunizations in humans.

* See our website for biosecurity protocols to institute into your daily barn practices to keep you safe!

<https://www.coastalelitevet.com/resources> Our goal is to caution not instill fear; knowledge from reliable sources is imperative, especially in times like this. Below are a few links that have great information to help keep you informed. As always, our website (www.coastalelitevet.com) will be updated regularly with resources for you; if you have questions, give us a call. Stay informed & wash your paws!

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