



# EQUINE GUELPH HEALTHflash



YOUR SEASONAL HEALTHCARE REMINDER

Spring 2015

Dear Horse Enthusiast,

Share this important information with friends and help support horse welfare.



## SPRING IS HERE - ARE YOU READY?

### SPRING INTO ACTION For the Health of your Horse



- **Nutrition Right from the Start**

Equine nutrition expert Don Kapper shared his wealth of knowledge in a recent visit to the University of Guelph, speaking on how to feed the broodmare and new born foal right up to weaning. [Read on](#) ...

- **Laminitis & Nutrition**  
[What you need to know about paying attention to pH.](#)

- **First Stop for First Aid**  
Winter is over and it is time to perform a spring cleaning of your first aid



### Top Seasonal Tips

1. *Vaccination Evaluation* - Equine Guelph has a **new info-graphic** to help you determine which vaccines your horse needs. Also click on the [Vaccination Equi-Planner](#) healthcare tool for a personalized immunization schedule for your horse.
2. *Calculate Your Biosecurity Risk* - from hand hygiene to travel tips; practicing good biosecurity is broken down into simple steps with Equine Guelph's [Biosecurity Risk Calculator](#).
3. *Take time to learn-* Registration is now open for Equine Guelph's next 2 week online Biosecurity eWorkshop (April 20 - May 4). [More details.](#)
4. *Swish away standing water* - Take measures now to reduce insect breeding grounds.
5. *Take care of teeth* - If your horse is

supplies. Equine Guelph has partnered with Greenhawk offering an extensive first aid kit at a great value, to keep you organized and ready to deal with emergency situations. [Click here](#) to learn the bonus features of this kit!

sensitive when you feel its jaw line, sharp teeth may be why. [Pointers from an equine veterinarian on dentistry.](#)

6. *Investigating gut function* - Visit [Research Radio](#) as Dr. Weese looks at gut health and colic. [2-week Colic Prevention eWorkshop](#) begins April 13.

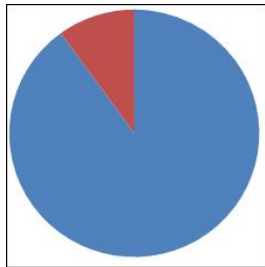
For more information on online educational courses - [click here](#)

Please note: This information provides guidelines only and should never replace information from your veterinarian.

## TAKE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

### Surveys

Last issue we asked: **Have you ever enrolled in an online course?**



82% of survey respondents replied yes!

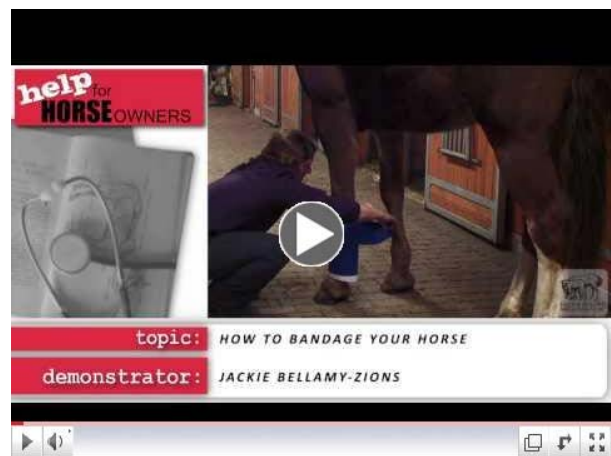
We love your feedback.

Are you an Ontario horse owner?

The University of Guelph is conducting a study about the nature and extent of horse movements in Ontario. We are currently recruiting participants to complete short monthly surveys May - Nov (requiring less than 10 minutes of your time) about where, and how frequently, you travel with your horse. By completing this survey, you would be contributing to the first study in Ontario to determine how disease prevention can be linked to movement patterns. Draw for prizes for participants.

[Yes, I would like to take part](#)

### Helpful Video



Correct leg wrapping technique with Equine Guelph

[PDF of bandaging tips](#) also available at Equine Guelph's website on the Healthcare tools page and within the resource manual of our **NEW First Aid Kit.**

## "YEAR OF FULL-CIRCLE-RESPONSIBILITY" - 2014 Campaign Continues into 2015

### Code of Practice - Decoded



**Facilities and Housing - Part Two**



**Do You Know the Code?  
For the Care and Handling of Equines**

Equine Guelph's Code Decoder is a new

Section two of the Code of Practice - Facilities and Housing deserves thorough review. Overall management by the owner and caretaker is the most important influencer of a horse's care.

With basic knowledge, the horse owner can prevent or halt the progression of many problems such as colic, respiratory diseases, hoof issues and abnormal behaviours ... [Read on](#)

healthcare tool comprised of a series of checklists based on the Code of Practice. There are a total 9 sections and will take you approximately 15 minutes to complete. [Go to the tool...](#)

Following the "Code of Practice" on your farm encourages a high level of health care and management for your horse. Use this nationally developed guideline (Equine Canada and NFAACC) to comply with industry standards.

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