



eQuiNEWS

Tetanus

Tetanus is a totally and easily preventable bacterial disease that affects most animals (including horses and humans). Horses are particularly susceptible because of their environment and tendency to incur injuries and sadly infected horses and ponies usually die or require euthanasia. The tetanus bacteria is found in soil just about everywhere, surviving in the environment for long periods of time. As tetanus bacteria do not require oxygen (anaerobic) even small puncture wounds which are difficult to detect such as a prick from a thorn, can introduce the bacteria into the horses body.

Annual or biannual vaccination should be provided to all horses and ponies. For further information visit the QHC website and download the Tetanus factsheet at <http://www.qldhorsecouncil.com/QHC%20Documents/Horse%20Health/Tetanus.pdf>

Strangles

Strangles is another disease of horses which requires annual vaccination. It is highly contagious and debilitating and severely affected horses can die or require euthanasia.

Strangles is so called because the lymph nodes around the head and neck can become so enlarged that swallowing is painful and they can cause labored breathing. Like EI, strangles can be spread very quickly through horse populations via infected tack, grooming gear and feed and water buckets. Additionally shared water sources are an efficient way of spreading the bacteria, so NEVER use public troughs as infected horses may not be showing clinical signs and the length of time the bacteria can survive in the environment is unknown. For further information download the Strangles fact sheet at:

<http://www.qldhorsecouncil.com/QHC%20Documents/Infectious%20Diseases%20Information%20Sheets/Strangles.pdf>

Are your vaccinations up-to-date?



IMPORTANT

We must not forget about Hendra virus!

If you are arranging an event and would like the Qld Horse Council to come and speak about Hendra virus please contact Debbie on <mailto:president@qldhorsecouncil.com> and we will assist where possible.

Reminder

HOSS, or Horse Owners Signal System is a FREE emergency contact system to alert Queensland horse owners/carers of disease outbreak, fire, flood, or any other emergency and provide information about what's happening in the Horse Industry in Queensland.

For further information on HOSS, the Queensland Horse Council Inc. and how to join, visit our website at www.qldhorsecouncil.com or email treasurer@qldhorsecouncil.com



IMPORTANT

Just because you are receiving eQuiNEWS does not mean that you are automatically signed up to HOSS!! To register go to the QHC website at www.qldhorsecouncil.com.

What's on?

This weekend

- 27/02/2010 **TOOWOOMBA & DISTRICT SHOWJUMPING CLUB**
Dressage day for more details www.nominate.com.au
- 27/02/2010 **QLD CRABET ARABIAN GROUP - to 28/2/2010**
All Arabian Summer Show and Open Youth Show. Caboolture Showgrounds.
Contact Lorraine Icurrie@bestit.net.au
- 27/02/2010 **BELL SHOW - to 28/2/2010**
- 27/02/2010 **MILLMERRAN SHOW - to 28/2/2010**
- 27/02/2010 **SOUTH BURNETT WESTERN PERFORMANCE CLUB**
Barrel Racing Clinic, Racecourse Rd, Nanango. 8:30am to 3:30pm
- 28/02/2010 Fun Day, as above. 8:30am to 4:00pm
- 28/02/2010 **RUNCORN PONY CLUB**
First Muster 2010, Warrigal Road, Runcorn. Commencing 9:00am to 3:00pm
- 28/02/2010 **NERANG & DISTRICT EQUESTRIAN CLUB (NADEC)**
Associate Dressage Preparatory to Advanced
- 28/02/2010 **SCATER**
Trail ride. Commence 8:30am Mooloolah Pony Club. Contact Ian 0413 443 441
- 28/02/2010 **VALLEYS & RIM CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION (VARCA)**
problem horse clinic with John Chatterton Workshop. Contact Rex 5462 4523 or email varca@bluemaxx.com.au
- 28/02/2010 **CURRUMBIN DISTRICT HORSE CLUB**
Open Day, sign-on plus more! 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (sign up Mounted Police Sensory Workshop). Contact cdhc.com.au or events@cdhc.com.au
- 28/02/2010 **TOOWOOMBA & DISTRICT SHOWJUMPING CLUB**
Hunter Trial. Details: www.nominate.com.au

Next Week

- 5/03/2010 **MITCHELL DRAFT - to 7/3/2010**
Contact ph: 4623 1389
- 5/03/2010 **PITTSWORTH SHOW - to 6/3/2010**
- 6/03/2010 **NERANG & DISTRICT EQUESTRIAN CLUB (NADEC)**
Show Jumping (start 3pm)
- 6/03/2010 **TARA SHOW**
- 7/03/2010 **LIDLAY A & I SOCIETY**
Annual Hack Show (Royal show Qualifier), Laidley Showgrounds, Hayes Street, Laidley. Commence 8:00 am. Contact 5465 6773 or laidley-show@uqconnect.net
- 7/03/2010 **RIDGEWOOD HEIGHTS PONY CLUB**
Open Sports Day, Rocklea Showgrounds, cnr Marshall Rd & Goburra St, Rocklea. 9:00am to 3:00pm. Contact 0417 774 310.

To let us know about your event email admin@qldhorsecouncil.com.



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