



A Full Service Equine Ambulatory Practice



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Digital Health Documents

TNT Equine is excited to announce that we are the first veterinary practice in New Hampshire to offer horse owners the availability of digital health documents.

Now, both your EIA (Coggins) and health certificates will be available in a new easy-to-read form with digital photos and detailed descriptions of your horses. By storing your horses' health information electronically, TNT Equine can offer you instant access to your health documents by email or online.

These digital documents are official

EQUINE - EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA LABORATORY TEST			EQ-41882 CERTIFIED COPY
LABORATORY NO.	DATE SUBMITTED	DATE RECEIVED	QUALITY
NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER	NAME & ADDRESS OF VETERINARIAN	NAME & ADDRESS OF ESTABLISHMENT	
OWNER'S SIGNATURE	VETERINARIAN'S SIGNATURE	ESTABLISHMENT'S SIGNATURE	
VETERINARIAN LICENSE OR ACCREDITATION NO.	STATE	REASON FOR TESTING	
SIGNATURE OF FEDERALLY ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN	PROBATIONARY NAME	DATE & TIME DRAWN	
SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT	PROBATIONARY NAME	PROBATIONARY DATE	
NAME OF HORSE	BREED	AGE	SEX
COLOR	AGE OF DENT	ADDRESS	ADDRESS
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION (Use animal photographs above)			
LABORATORY USE ONLY	LAB NO.	DATE RECEIVED	TEST RESULTS
SIGNATURE OF VETERINARIAN <i>Sample Signature</i>			

EIA Certificate Sample

state/USDA veterinary forms that can be downloaded through our website or emailed to you as .pdf files. The files are easy to store for future use and you can print them as often as you

need them. Plus, you will never again wait for the mail to get your resulted Coggins. Simply log-in to our website and you can have your results as soon as they are released from the lab.

TNT Equine's new system will allow you the freedom of having instant online access to your animal's important health documents when you need them. Contact us at 603-749-4077 or visit our website at www.TNTEquine.com for more information about this exciting new improvement in your horses' health information.

Spread the word Save some cash

TNT Equine is always honored by the many referrals that we receive from clients like you. Now we want to say "Thanks!". For the months of June, July & August, when you

refer a new client to TNT Equine, we'll show our thanks with a \$20 credit on your account. Just be sure that your referral mentions your name at the time of book-

ing their appointment and once they've completed their appointment we'll credit your account as our way of saying "thanks".

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Protect your Horse from EIA

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) is a potentially fatal disease that threatens the world's horse, donkey and mule populations. The virus that causes EIA reproduces in the white blood cells that circulate throughout the body. The immune system, via antibodies, may attack and destroy red blood cells, leading to anemia. Infected horses may die from the direct effects of the virus or from secondary infections. Despite testing and measures to eradicate the equine infectious anemia virus, EIAV, more than 500 new cases are identified each year in the U.S.

There is no cure for EIA. Although most horses show no symptoms, they remain contagious for life, endangering the health of other horses. For this reason, the United States Department of Agriculture and state animal health regulatory agencies require euthanasia or strict lifelong quarantine for horses testing positive for EIA.

Your horse's only protection against EIA is prevention. Good management practices can reduce the potential of infection. The following guidelines from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) will help:

- Use disposable needles and syringes, one per horse, when administering vaccines and medications.
- Disinfect dental tools and other instruments before using them on another horse.
- Test all horses for EIA at least annually.
- Test horses at the time of purchase examination.
- Stable owners, horse show and event managers should require and verify current negative Coggins certificates for all horses entering the premises.
- New horses should be quarantined for 45 days and observed for any signs of illness, including elevated temperatures, before introducing them to the herd. They should be retested if exposure to EIA is suspected at a 45-day interval.
- All stable areas should be kept clean, dry and waste-free. Good pasture management techniques should also be practiced. Remove manure and provide adequate drainage to discourage breeding sites for pests.

Horses at greater risk, such as those in frequent contact with outside horses or who live or travel in geographic regions known for EIA outbreaks, should be tested more frequently, every 4 – 6 months.

For more information about EIA, ask your equine veterinarian for "Equine Infectious Anemia: The Only Protection if Prevention," a brochure provided by the AAEP in conjunction with Educational Partner Bayer Animal Health. Additional information can be found on the AAEP's horse health Web site, www.myHorseMatters.com.

Requirements vary by state and individual venues may have their own, more stringent requirements. Be sure to check with your veterinarian for the most current information.



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While you're not here doc?

Here in New England no barn is in shortage of a variety of flies. The tips below are intended to provide information on offering some relief to your equine companion. Be sure to discuss your particular situation and work with your veterinarian to come up with a plan that fits your horse's needs.

Insect Control

- Keep affected horses inside during dawn & dusk, when flies are most active
- Install fans, whenever and wherever possible, to help provide a "fly-free zone". Most flies are weak fliers and are easily deterred by a light breeze
- Eliminate as much standing water as possible from the property to limit the flies' natural breeding grounds
- Utilize a fly mask and/or fly sheets during turnout

Topical Treatments

- Use fly sprays that contain pyrethrins. You may need to re-apply later in the day, or use a sweat-resistant spray
- Bathe your horse with a solution of 1 part Skin-So-Soft to 1 part water. Let dry and do not rinse. Repeat as needed
- Apply a thin film of mineral oil to the skin, mane and tail. This help prevent the flies from crawling down to the skin and biting
- On particularly bad days, simply rinsing the skin with cold water can help ease the itchiness
- Use hypoallergenic and/or moisturizing shampoos. Shampoos containing colloidal oatmeal seem to be quite effective. There are also several prescription shampoos available, so please feel free to call and discuss whether any of these might be right for your horse

Systemic Treatments

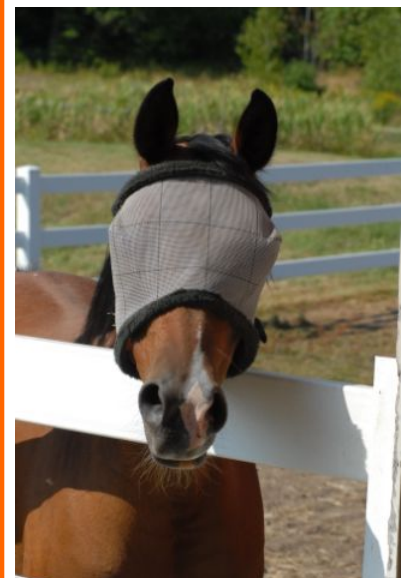
- Omega fatty acids are often helpful. Supplements such as flax seed, flax seed oil, safflower oil, and Omega Horseshine contain the proper ratio of omega-6 and omega-3 fatty acids
- Antihistamines may be an appropriate treatment for your horse. They are especially effective when used in combination with omega fatty acids
- Glucocorticoids such as prednisone may be required in severe cases
- Allergy vaccines do NOT appear to be an effective treatment for fly bit allergies

Information compiled from *Equine Dermatology*, Danny W. Scott & William H Miller Jr. c 2003

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With each newsletter we'll provide information on a topic that we receive lots of calls about. Should you have questions about the information provided or have concerns about your particular situation you should ALWAYS discuss it with you veterinarian before treatment.

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WITHIN 12 MONTHS**

“Care” for your horses, too!

In an effort to help our clients alleviate some of the unexpected costs that can arise with an equine emergency or treatment for a chronic problem, TNT Equine now accepts CareCredit. Many clients are familiar with CareCredit from their small animal veterinarians.

CareCredit is a personal line of credit for healthcare treatments and procedures for your entire family, including your pets. It works like a credit card but it has two advantages. It can only be used for healthcare services and you can get No Interest* financing every time you use it. Simply pay your minimum monthly payment and pay off the entire balance by the end of your promotional period and you pay No Interest. If you need more time to pay for your procedure, you can take advantage of their extended payment plans with low, fixed interest rates. For more information please contact TNT Equine at 603-749-4077. You can also check out CareCredit's website at www.carecredit.com.