



March 2010

Previous VET NOTES

- February 2010 - Cryptosporidiosis in the horse
- December 2009 - Selection of mares for embryo transfer
- October 2009 - Tying-up Syndrome
- September 2009 - Flexural deformities in the forelimbs of foals
- August 2009 - Equine Cushing's Disease
- July 2009 - Corneal ulcers
- June 2009 - Laparoscopic surgery: A new way to look at things
- May 2009 - Equine cardiology
- April 2009 - Single screw compression update
- March 2009 - Resistance to anti-parasitic drugs
- November 2008 - Periodontal Disease
- October 2008 - Interstitial pneumonia - a different kind of lung disease
- September 2008 - The yearling sales
- August 2008 - Eastern Equine Encephalitis—have you vaccinated
- July 2008 - Castration complications
- June 2008 - The use of acupuncture as a diagnostic aid in the equine lameness exam

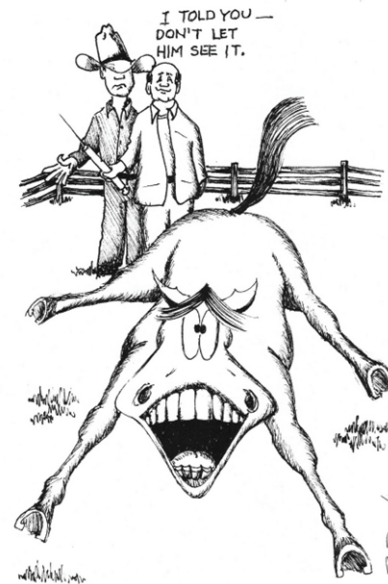
Pharmacy Notes

Isn't it funny how, even though we probably would not admit it, we are more likely to think about how our 'entertainment beverages' are kept than the medications in the home or barn. I, myself, do not mind if my beer or soda is a little warm but I know I am certainly the minority!!

Proper storage of medications is necessary from two important angles—safety and stability/efficacy.

Safety

All medications should be kept in a cabinet or refrigerator away from children, especially those under five years of age. Tablets and capsules come in lots of attractive colors and can easily be mistaken for candy. Unfortunately, we often perpetuate the candy analogy to get a child to take medications, so we cannot really blame them for trying to get to the 'pretty pills'. Drugs sold in bulk bottles are not required to be in 'child resistant' packaging, so it stands to reason that more care should be taken in keeping them out of reach. Our clinic provides specifically prescribed smaller amounts in the aforementioned containers.



If you have an emergency where pills, solutions, etc, have been ingested by a child, employee or pet, you would call the following:

National Poison Control Center – 800-222-1222

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Cheryl Hurn, Pharmacy Manager

Animal Poison Control Center – 888-426-4435

Your nearest hospital emergency room number is also a good one to have alongside these in your barn or home.

Stability/Efficacy

The majority of medications, etc, have storage instructions on the outside of the container. It is important to follow these directions so the stability of the product is maintained, thus allowing it to work properly. If you receive a drug made by a different manufacturer, it is wise to check the label as manufacturers can vary in their storage recommendations. Because the summers in Florida are hot, we like to keep products like Adequan in a refrigerator (efficacy unaffected) but a cool tack-room will suffice.

Expiration dates

These dates should be observed as much as possible. If you have several containers of the same medication, it is a good practice to rotate them on a regular basis, using up the oldest first. This will help in reducing the possibility of it expiring before you get to the end of the bottle.



‘There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man’

Winston Churchill

- April 2008 - Current parasite control recommendations
- March 2008 - The use of Oxytocin in the post-partum mare
- January 2008 - Preparing your mares for the breeding season
- January 2008 - Proximal hind limb suspensory desmitis: (PSD): Part II: Treatment
- December 2007 - Pleuropneumonia - when shipping fever turns into a nightmare
- November 2007 - Proximal hind limb suspensory desmitis (PSD): Part I: Diagnosis
- August 2007 - Intramuscular injections
- June 2007 - A hard pill to swallow

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