



# Leatherstocking Veterinary Services

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## Annual Vaccinations

As summer is rapidly approaching don't forget that now is the time for your horse's spring vaccinations.

It is important to give many of the vaccinations before the beginning of fly season, as biting flies spread many of the diseases which are preventable, such as West Nile virus and encephalitis. Other important vaccines for your horse include rabies, influenza and tetanus. Rabies is always a concern for animals here in central New York and horses are no exception. Another very important vaccine is tetanus. Horses are the most susceptible of all animals to tetanus. As all of you that own horses know they are also highly susceptible to getting cuts, scrapes and getting themselves into trouble!!

Depending on the age, location and if your horse travels there may also be other vaccines which we would recommend. Please ask during your appointment if there are other vaccinations which would be appropriate for your horse.

Research has proven that an animal can only build immunity from a certain number of vaccines at one time. For this reason we do limit the number of vaccines given on one day and some horses may need to have 2 visits.

If your horse will be travelling this summer to shows, the fair or trail riding it's important to get your Coggins test done. This simple blood test is testing for equine infectious anemia (EIA). This year we are taking

photographs of your horse for the Coggins testing... so make sure they are looking their best! As always your appointment can be done at your own barn or at our clinic. We are available for appointments at the clinic daily is this is better for your schedule.

## Strategic Deworming

We are continuing to recommend manure sample testing for internal parasites to enable you to come up with the most appropriate deworming strategy for your horses. We have seen some parasite resistance to certain deworming products. In some cases people are deworming their horses far more aggressively than necessary and in other situations are not deworming properly to effectively minimize parasites in their horses. This simple test provides valuable information and can be performed in our own lab.



## Welcome Caitlyn MacIntosh, D.V.M.

Leatherstocking Veterinary Services is happy to welcome Caitlyn MacIntosh, DVM to our team. Caitlyn will be starting in mid-July. She has been at Leatherstocking several times and has met many of you, and your animals. Caitlyn is interested in both equine and bovine medicine and will be a great addition to the clinic.

Early this fall we will be having an open house at the clinic to welcome Cait, and

also give people a chance to come, ask questions, and visit the clinic. Previous open houses have been a great success and we are always happy to have everyone come, meet our staff and see our facilities.



ing season at Leatherstocking Equine Center. Spring is always a busy time with pregnant mares, newborn foals and mares in to be bred.

This year we have had mares in for breeding with live cover, as well as artificial insemination. Stallions have come for breeding naturally, and to be collected and shipped to other parts of the state, country and also overseas.

This year we have had a lot of interesting cases in the clinic. Perhaps our most unique patient this year is a standardbred colt who was born at the clinic with a very severe allergy

tion was noticed shortly after birth when he had a severe reaction after being fed his colostrum. After trying numerous types of milk and milk replacers we discovered he is not allergic to goats milk.

The foal had to be separated from the mare in case he nursed while we were not there to resuscitate him. He has been raised as an orphan and has not had any other medical problems.

A very special thank you goes out to all the people who have helped with the care, feeding and providing goat milk for this little colt.

clock for months shows the meaning of teamwork. We are very hopeful he will go on to have a successful racing career. He does not appear to have other severe allergies other than milk.

