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Friends we will miss...

Baajah
Beau
Buddy
How To Be Haidas
Jack
Lust For Her Dust (Dash)
Peggy Sue
Rey
Starlight
Toby
Will West
Windou

These are patients that passed away this month. Our thoughts go out to their families.

What vaccines do we recommend for horses in the fall?

Influenza: This is a highly contagious virus affecting the respiratory system. It is transmitted from horse to horse by coughing or snorting, and can travel as far as 30 yards. Signs are similar to what you exhibit when you have a cold. Proper care can resolve the issue in about a week, but some infections take longer, and often the horse needs a lot of rest.

Rhinopneumonitis: This disease can cause respiratory tract problems as well as abortion, foal death, and paralysis. Rhino can be spread by aerosol and direct contact with infected secretions, utensils, or drinking water.

Rabies: It is a fatal disease that people can get from animals. Vaccinating horses for Rabies is highly recommended, and is usually done once a year.

Please call our office if you have questions! Happy Fall!



Hoary Alyssum has white flowers and a very distinctive seed pod.



What's in your pasture...?

Unfortunately summer is coming to an end and we are heading into the beautiful shades of fall. Every year we tend to see an increase in Hoary Alyssum toxicities at this time of year. This toxic plant is extremely common in Minnesota. Hoary Alyssum, or *Berteroa incana*, is a white flowered plant. Usually horses avoid eating this plant, but as the pastures are more sparse at this time of year, the case of incidence increases. We have also seen cases in which horses were in dry lots and ate the toxic plant through the fence. They can also consume it in the hay. We most commonly have calls because people notice that their horse is acutely lame with sore feet, and has swollen legs. They can occasionally have a fever associated with the toxicity. It is important to have your horse evaluated immediately to improve the treatment outcome. Often if treatment is instituted immediately we see a favorable prognosis for recovery. Please call if you notice any of these symptoms in your horse. After you see it once you will notice it all over the roadsides and fields in Minnesota! If you would like to look at a dried sample so you can tell if you have any present in your hay please feel free to stop by the clinic.

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