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Equine Newsletter

October Edition

**Equine Fall/Winter Seminars are back!**

*A Veterinarian's How-To Guide*

Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm Presented by Heidi Terwey, DVM

Come learn helpful techniques for treating your horse: ~Taking a TPR ~Giving IM injections ~Applying bandages  
 ~Administering oral medications and eye medications ~Performing a sand float (please bring a stool sample from  
 your horse) ~Tying a quick-release knot AND MORE!

*Getting To The Point and Adjusting For The Future*

Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm Presented by Kathy Ott, DVM and Kyla Awes, DC

*Hopping When He Should Be Bopping: Identifying and Treating Equine Lameness*

Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm Presented by Jennifer Selvig, DVM

*The ABC's of Loving Your Horse!*

Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm Presented by Whitney Ostrem, DVM

There is no charge for these seminars, but please call to reserve a seat due to limited spaces available for each seminar. Please  
 check out our website for more information.  
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A patient who won't stand still or deal with having his head touched can be nearly impossible to examine or treat for both the owner and the veterinarian. Good ground manners are critical when emergency veterinary care or routine medical procedures are necessary. Here are a few examples of good ground manners that your horse should know:

1. Personal space. Everyone needs it – and in the case of horses it's essential that they know they can't walk all over you, or charge you when they want to.
2. Standing still. Simple as it sounds, it can be one of the most important lessons your horse learns. Practice makes perfect. Spend a few minutes every day with your horse on his lead doing nothing. Chill out and scratch a favorite spot!
3. "Trotting off." During most lameness exams you will be asked to jog your horse in hand while the vet observes gait and stride. It is difficult for your vet to observe irregularities in gait if your horse needs to be dragged along or runs ahead of you. It is also important to remember that you must hold the lead lightly, your vet will want to observe your horse's head motions naturally.
4. Accustom your horse to having his head handled. Examining your horse's eyes, ears and mouth should not be a struggle! Positive, gentle reinforcement will allow you to eventually work around any part of his head. This also goes for having feet and legs handled. Your farrier will love you!
5. And finally, the vet wants his/her visit to be a positive experience for your horse! Work on breaking negative associations with the various treatments that your horse will have during exams or routine physicals. If your horse hates injections, practice stroking/rubbing and pinching the various injection sites, until he is no longer alert or sensitive to these stimuli.

With regular handling and positive reinforcement for good behavior, your horse will become more comfortable and eventually allow you and your veterinarian to perform all procedures necessary. And that will make your life, as well as your horse's life much easier!

Friends we will miss...

Bill Bird  
 Buck Buddy  
 Jackie Pie  
 Quixote Rocky  
 Rumeur (Red)  
 Snoop Toby  
 Wicker

**Winter Float Special!**

10% off floats done at the farm\*

20% off floats done in clinic\*

\*float only! Does not include medications.