



## Foal Preventative Care for the First Year of Life

### Vaccinations

- **Whether or not your foal's mare was vaccinated in the prepartum period, the following vaccination schedule is recommended:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> dose: 4-6 months of age
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose: 4-6 weeks after the first dose
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> dose: 10-12 months of age
  - *Annual Revaccination thereafter*
- **Consult with your veterinarian which vaccinations are recommended for your foal.**
- *For more information, please visit:*  
[https://aaep.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Foal\\_Vaccination\\_Chart\\_FINAL\\_0520.pdf](https://aaep.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Foal_Vaccination_Chart_FINAL_0520.pdf)

### Deworming

- **During their first year, foals should receive a minimum of 4 deworming treatments.**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> treatment: 2-3 months of age
    - Fenbendazole (i.e. Panacur)
      - *Note: Dosage is for double the foal's weight. Be sure to consult your veterinarian on proper dosage of this drug.*
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment: 4-6 months of age (just before weaning)
    - Strongid
    - Recommend fecal egg count prior to deworming to determine dewormer type.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> treatment: 7-9 months of age
    - Ivermectin
  - 4<sup>th</sup> treatment: 12 months of age
    - Ivermectin
- *After their first year, determine an appropriate deworming protocol with your veterinarian.*

### Training

- **The first 6-12 months of a foal's life are a very good time to work on training that will help with your horse's veterinary care in the future. Basic training that is most useful include:**
  - Leading with a halter and lead rope
  - Tying to a fixed structure
  - Picking up all four feet
  - Touching all over their body (including ears, between legs and under tail)