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First Aid for Horses by Kris Nelsen

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If you own a horse, then knowing some basic equine first aid is highly important. You should also have a first aid kit ready.

Equine First Aid Basics

1. Keep Calm – if you panic, your horse will sense this and may cause further damage to itself or you.
2. Safely assess the horse's attitude. Can it be approached safely? (you may need help)

3. Keep the horse calm by talking to it, scratching its neck and remaining calm yourself. You may need to move the horse (if possible) to a quiet area.

4. Assess the wounds if the horse is quiet. Check the depth of the wound, the severity, and where the wound is located. Contact your vet regarding your horse's injuries to get advice or help if needed.



If your horse has prof use bleeding, you need to stop the bleeding. To do so, cover with an absorbent pad (old clean T-shirt; diaper) and apply firm steady pressure; if the first

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Important Dates:

- May - National Beef Month
- May 9 - Mother's Day
- May 15 - Armed Forces Day & Chocolate Chip Day
- May 31 - Memorial Day
- June - Adopt a Cat Month
- June 4 - Hug Your Cat Day
- June 8 - Best Friends Day
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 20 - Father's Day
- June 21 - Summer Solstice

Grooming Services by Sylvia Furstenau

A service we offer at WCVS is grooming for your dog or cat. For the last 3 years we have employed the services of Carla and Tina from Pampered Paws to come to our clinic and groom. This year we have additional hours for grooming appointments.

They will be here all day on Tuesday's beginning around 8:30. Therefore we will be scheduling grooming appointments to arrive first thing in the morning on Tuesdays. If your pet just needs a bath and you want to do this yourself without the mess

at home, our facilities are available for a small fee. You may leave your pet under the dryer, run errands, and pick up your pet all clean and fluffy.

Please call ahead first to schedule your appointments.

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pad gets saturated DO NOT REMOVE IT add another pad. Depending on the wound it could take about 30 to 60 minutes to stop the bleeding.

Having all of your equine first aid items in one area is a good plan. Try using a tool box or a bucket with a lid; this will help keep things organized. Some items to keep in an equine first aid kit. . .

- Stethoscope
- Gauze sponges
- Roll gauze
- Tape –white tape and duct tape
- Vet wrap
- Bandage scissors
- Rectal Thermometer
- Alcohol (for disinfectant - not to drink)
- Latex gloves
- Knife/Pliers/wire cutters
- Flash Light

There are many other items needed for a equine first aid kit, these are just a few, remember to keep the items together.

Remember the main thing about horse emergencies is to remain calm as it will help the situation and hopefully make a better out come for your horse and yourself.

CALM YOUR TRICHOMONIASIS FEARS by Dr. Sherri Merrill



There are a few simple biosecurity practices that you can follow to virtually eliminate the risk of your herd being exposed to Trich.

1. **BUY VIRGIN BULLS!**
2. Don't share bulls.
3. Don't run your cows with someone else's cows, especially during breeding season.
4. Raise your own replacement heifers. If you must buy replacement females, buy pregnant animals.

5. Good neighbors have good fences, be a good neighbor.

6. If your bull gets out, or a bull gets into your pasture, move them to the appropriate herd ASAP and do your best to fix the fence so this problem does not happen again.

Have your cows preg checked 30-60 days following breeding season. For most producers in our practice this will be in October or early November. Preg checking early will allow us to find and fix problems prior to the next breeding season.

Take these precautions and leave the Trich worries to the cattle traders



Microchipping. What's the Big Deal?

By Nicole Koehler

Microchipping is a permanent form of identifying your pet. A very small "microchip" is placed under your pet's skin, usually between the shoulders on their back. Even if your pet loses his/her collar, a scanner at any veterinary clinic, pound, or animal shelter should be able to scan for the microchip. The microchip has a designated number in which the person who is doing the scanning is easily able to contact the microchip company and

obtain information about your pet over the phone or the internet. Information that is included is your name and phone numbers, a close friend or family member's numbers, your email address, and your pet's veterinarian.

With this microchip you cannot "track" your pet by satellite. The microchip only turns "on" when a scanner with the same frequency is within about 6 inches.

Over 10 million pets each year run away or get lost. 90% of those pets don't have identification or their collars have come off. The 90% of pets without collars are either adopted-out to another family or euthanized if they are lucky enough to make it to a shelter.

There are other benefits (which are optional) if you



choose to microchip. We use the brand "HomeAgain" which offers pet ID cards, 24/7 emergency medical hotline, free "lost pet" posters, and free access to pet recovery networks. You can use these extra benefits where ever you go-even if your pet gets lost while on vacation! The recovery network alerts all surrounding pet-finder volunteers, veterinarians, and shelters where your pet was last seen. This is

especially helpful if your pet is injured and you are not near your pet's veterinarian! They also include a pet medical insurance that covers up to \$3000 of medical costs if you report your pet missing and is found injured.

Ask us about our special in June.

Please contact us for any more questions or if you would like a "HomeAgain" brochure!

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Veterinary Camp!!

Once again, Willow Creek Veterinary Clinic is offering a Vet Camp. 3 sessions are being offered this year - June 14-17, June 21-24, and July 12-15. Due to class size restrictions, registrations will be taken on a first come basis.

Vet camp starts on a Monday and goes thru Thursday. Vet camp will start promptly at 7:30 AM each morning and will go until 11:30 AM or Noon. Breakfast items will be supplied each day at the office. Students entering their sophomore year in high school through students entering their freshman year in college are eligible to enroll. There is a small tuition fee to cover supplies.

To sign-up, call 402-329-4805.

National Beef Month by Kris Nelsen

In honor of May being National Beef Month, we would like to honor all of our beef producers by telling you THANK YOU very much for all the hard work that you do everyday.

As a way for us to enjoy more beef, we would like to put together a recipe exchange/Book for everyone. Send us your recipes (with beef as a main ingredient), and we will put together a recipe book. If you contribute a recipe for the book you will receive a book for free or it will be available for \$5.

Please send your beef recipes to:

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Or drop them off at the front desk.

