

Vet Tips To Keep Your Horse Healthy This Spring!



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Caring for the Senior Competitive Sport Horse

Part 1

Advances in equine medicine are enabling horses to perform longer in their careers than ever before. Together with veterinary care from Palm Beach Equine Clinic, educated owners can offer senior horses a happy and pain-free life as they age into their senior years.

Horses from the ages of 12 and older are considered "seniors," but they often compete successfully into their teenage years. Many horses that are in the prime of their careers may require extra maintenance in order to continue performing at their best, and advances in veterinary care have helped extend careers. An 18-year-old equine athlete would have been rare 10 years ago, but today, there are horses performing at a high level well into their senior years.



To maintain these athletes requires more work on the owner's part, as well as the veterinarian's part, however, preemptive attention to an aging equine's needs may help keep your partner performing longer.

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Wellington High School Offers Equine Pre-Vet Program

The veterinarians of Palm Beach Equine Clinic have always enjoyed contributing to support the local community in Wellington, FL. As a leader in equine veterinary medicine, Palm Beach Equine Clinic makes it a priority to share knowledge and guide aspiring youth. Currently, through Wellington High School's (WHS) Equine Pre-Vet Program, Palm Beach Equine Clinic has a hands-on program for students to introduce them to a career as promising young veterinary professionals.

The Equine Pre-Vet Program at WHS provides students with an opportunity to pursue a rigorous, accelerated science program to prepare them for veterinary medicine and/or animal sciences at the college level.

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Equine Healthcare Reminder Drink Up! Hydration in Horses

As the summer heat rapidly approaches, the veterinarians of Palm Beach Equine Clinic remind all equine owners to keep their horses well hydrated.

Fresh, Clean Water

The average horse drinks between five and 10 gallons of water per day. It is important to provide clean, fresh water at all times and be aware of possible increased water consumption during extremely hot days.

Salt

Sodium in a horse's diet - by a salt block or supplementing and electrolytes - is also very important to maintaining proper hydration.

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Five Questions for Palm Beach Equine Clinic Veterinarian Dr. Bryan Dubynsky

Dr. Bryan Dubynsky joined the team of veterinarians at Palm Beach Equine Clinic in 2009 and specializes in treating sport horses, working to return them to top performance after injury or complication.

Get to know Dr. Dubynsky:

1. What is one of the most interesting cases you have worked on?

My own horse, Batman. He was an abandoned polo pony suffering from West Nile Virus. He was paralyzed for three days and no one wanted to treat him. We treated him with intensive care for three days and used a tractor as a last ditch effort to get him to stand. He has since made a full recovery and is currently playing polo.



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In The News

Article snippet from horse network: "Is Your Feeding Program All That?" by Lindsay Brock/Jump Media with Dr. Marilyn Connor of Palm Beach Equine Clinic. Includes photo of a horse eating hay.

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Let's Get Social

Social media post from @pbequineclinic featuring a photo of a grey horse and a foal, with text about a new addition to the clinic.



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