
VETERINARY HOSPITAL OF NEW WAVERLY

Friday May 26, 2011

URGENT UPDATE:

Most of you are now aware of the recent outbreak of EHV-1 (Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy) that has been traced to horses who attended the NCHA's National Championships in Ogden, Utah from April 30 - May 8, 2011. Horses from this show returned to multiple states and Canada. Currently there are 29 cases in 8 states.

All reported cases to this point have been linked to the cutting horse show in Utah. Due to this fact many stables have issued an in house quarantine. It is our recommendation to keep your horses at home and not travel unless absolutely necessary. If you must travel here are some recommendations to follow:

1. No sharing of water, stabling near other horses, or any nose to nose contact.
2. Take rectal temperature twice a day. If temperature over 101.0 F noted, contact your veterinarian immediately so that appropriate testing and treatment can be performed.
3. Vaccinate with Rhinomune or Pneumobort K at least 14 days before travel. This may provide some cross immunity protection.
4. Horses may be treated with Valtrex as a prophylactic, which is an antiviral drug.

Other symptoms to be aware of other than fever are:

1. Nasal Discharge
2. Urine Dribbling
3. Loss of tail tone
4. Ataxia
5. Hind limb weakness
6. Loss of balance
7. Lethargy

If you notice any of these symptoms please contact our office ASAP for appropriate treatment.



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