



Woodland View Equine Service

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Recommendations for the Expectant & Foaling Mare

Nutrition:

1. *Get the mare on a specially designed broodmare feed that is fortified with vitamins and minerals. Most feed companies offer one. Contact your local feed company.*

Vaccinations:

1. *Rhinopneumonitis to help prevent abortion. Administer the 3^d, 5th, 7th, and 9th month of pregnancy.*
2. *Rotavirus to help prevent foal diarrhea. Administer 1 dose the 8th, 9th and 10th month of pregnancy.*
3. *Regular vaccinations 4-6 weeks prior to her due date, including West Nile, Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, Rhino and Flue.*

Deworming:

1. *Follow our regular deworming schedule.*
2. *Substitute Equimax for Quest Plus in November.*
3. *Do not deworm any closer than 30 days prior to due date.*
4. *Deworm with Ivermectin the day she foals.*
5. *Start deworming foals at 1 month of age and deworm every month the first year with Ivermectin or Pyrantel.*

Foaling Stall:

1. *At least a 12' x 12' solid walled stall.*
2. *A bed with straw during foaling and the first week.*

Gestation Length – 340-344 Days

Labor:

- 1. It should take 30 minutes for the mare to get the foal out after her water breaks.*
- 2. The first thing that appears is a foot with the bottom of the hoof pointed down. This will be followed by the second foot and then the nose.*
- 3. The completion of labor is the passing of the placenta (afterbirth). It should come within 2 hours.*
- 4. Save the placenta for examination by the Doctor. Retaining a small piece can lead to a life threatening infection.*

The New Born Foal:

- 1. Should be left alone after making sure the sac is off its' nose and it is breathing.*
- 2. Causing the mare to jump up and break the cord prematurely can deprive the foal of blood.*
- 3. The foal should be up and nursing within 2 hours. If it does not get colostum within 4-6 hours it is subject to a navel infection and death.*
- 4. Needs an enema to help it pass meconium (first stool). The foal may not nurse until this is passed.*
- 5. Call the Vet to examine the foal to make sure it is healthy and free of birth defects. This can be done the next morning as long as the mare cleaned the foal, had a bowel movement and the foal nursed.*

Contact us if you have any questions