



Equine Health Public Service Announcement

Horses are often very important family companions and protecting the health of your horse is incredibly important, especially with the recently observed increase in Equine Infectious Anemia and Piroplasmosis cases associated with racing quarter horses.

What can you do to protect the health of your horse? It is important to follow your veterinarian's guidance when administering medications.

- Always use a new, sterile needle and syringe for injections and when using multi-dose medication bottles;
- Wash and disinfect all dental, surgical, and tattooing equipment between horses;
- Monitor and control for the presence of ticks or flies;
- Only administer commercially licensed blood products;

Always contact your veterinarian if your horses show signs of illness. Signs of illness could include fever; depression; weakness; weight loss; swelling of the chest, legs, and abdomen; bleeding; bloody urine; anemia; or sudden death. Be sure to schedule regular physical examinations and blood tests with your veterinarian. And remember, when traveling with your horse, be sure to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and a current negative Equine Infectious Anemia test (Coggins) from your veterinarian.

For more information, contact the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Animal Health Division at (404) 656-3667.