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Press Release: Equine Infectious Anemia Confirmed at Horse Facility in Clark County NDA Issued Quarantine on Facility

(CLARK COUNTY, Nev.) – The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) has confirmed a detection of equine infectious anemia (EIA) in a horse at a facility in Clark County during routine testing. A quarantine has been issued for the facility and all horses on the premises will undergo testing to prevent potential spread of the disease. Horses that attended an event in Washoe County within the month of June 2022 are also encouraged to test.

“We are working closely with local veterinarians and the facility to address the situation and prevent the potential spread of disease,” said NDA State Veterinarian Dr. Amy Mitchell.

Equine species, including horses, donkeys and mules, are required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and submit proof of a negative EIA test within 12 months prior to entry as part of Nevada’s entry requirements. Negative EIA tests are required for movement between all states and the U.S. Department of Agriculture lists EIA requirements for importation into the U.S.

EIA is transmitted through blood contact and cannot be spread through coughs, sneezes or casual contact. This is a reportable disease, meaning when veterinarians diagnose it, they are required to notify the NDA, per NRS 571.160. A list of reportable diseases can be found at agri.nv.gov. EIA is a disease transmitted in equine species that can cause fever, weakness, swelling, irregular heartbeat and low red blood cell count. It cannot be transmitted to humans and is not a public health risk, therefore details about the facility cannot be released, per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 571.160.

“While there is no treatment for EIA, it can only be spread by contaminated blood of an infected horse,” said Dr. Mitchell. “Infected horses may not show symptoms but remain carriers for life, making routine testing key to prevention of spread of this disease.”

Horse owners are urged to practice good horse health safety measures to reduce chances of an infectious disease being transferred, and get as much background information as possible before purchasing horses. Basic practices include:

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Are Chickens Good Additions to Horse Barns?

By The VHN Writing Team



There's something about the easily recognizable crow of a rooster that makes a farm or barn feel more homey and peaceful. Well, that is, unless you have a particularly vocal rooster with a big personality. Even more so if he's a grump.

And at many barns these days, you'll often find an accompanying chicken coup full of the two-legged friends pecking away at the ground to their hearts content.

With the correlating popularity between horse barns and chicken coups, you might find yourself wondering if chickens make good additions to horse barns.

And the answer is yes!

There are a few reasons why you might decide to invest in a handful of chickens for your horse barn, and the best part is most equine feed stores will have all kinds of chicks in stock during certain seasons with all the supplies and knowledge you need to get started.

Here are a few reasons why chickens could be worth the investment for your barn.

One of the best things about chickens is that they are a natural pest control for your barn. It's an obvious assumption that chickens will eat bugs. Anything from worms and larvae to flies and roaches are on the list. But chickens will also eat some of the even less desirable critters in your horse property.

Ants, spiders, scorpions, mice, and rats are all on the list of fine dining in your chicken coup. So, if you'd like a way to get rid of annoying barn pests, chickens are an eco-friendly way of doing so. And the less pests, like flies and larvae, around your horse the better for his health.

Another great thing about chickens is that they make eggs. It's no secret that inflation has driven up food prices all over the country. And eggs are no exception to this increase. By raising some laying chickens, you can have your very own supply of fresh and healthy eggs at your disposal, and they'll keep on laying them too.

By adding another set of animals around your horse, like chickens, you can allow your equine to become better accustomed to company. Not only will your horse feel less alone, he will also be better acclimated to strange sights and sounds, because let's face it, chickens are very colorful and very noisy.

And they tend to do as they please in their coup. If your horse is around chickens long enough, it can give him a great chance to become desensitized to a strange sight and sound.

While chickens add better protection from pests, horses in turn can offer some good protection to chickens as well. It's been proven that having chickens near bigger animals, like horses or even donkeys and mules, your chickens will have a much smaller chance of being preyed upon by predatory animals.

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Chickens are also great at lightening the mood. As we mentioned before, these funny, feathered animals can bring a sense of peace to your barn. From the random clucking to the tossing scratch on the ground and watching as they gobble up their meal, chickens are great stress reducers.

They can even be very friendly pets that like to be held and socialized with, if started early. It might sound weird, but there's such a thing as a lap chicken, similar to a lap dog that likes attention.

While there are a handful of great reasons to have chickens at your horse barn, it's also important to note one precaution that many horse owners don't consider.

Always be aware of the sanitation between your horse's area and the chicken's area. They should be kept as separate as possible. Some owners are fine with free roaming chickens that go in by the horses and do their bug inspections. While this would be an innocent assumption, chickens do tend to have communicable diseases that are bad news for your horse.

Salmonella, botulism, and fungal infections can all result from cross contamination say in a stall or pasture where chickens have pooped and a horse is grazing or nuzzling for food. While the chickens can help with pest maintenance, they should not be allowed to mess in the same areas for this reason.

And it's always important to remember that your horse might not be all that chicken friendly himself. Some horses might be curious, some might be frightened, and others could see them as a strange looking threat if close enough.

Having chickens at your barn comes with many benefits as well as a few things to consider. The next time you're tempted buy those cute chicks at the feed store, consider the worthwhile investment they could be. Or at least that can be your excuse to your spouse when you try and explain the sudden appearance of chickens at your barn.



• Happy Trails Monthly Recipe •

Created by Chef Sharon Hauht

“Broiled Salmon with Thai Sweet Chili Glaze”

Cook Time: 30 Minutes Servings: 4

Ingredients:

1-1/2 pounds (or four 6-ounce pieces) salmon, skin on or off

6 tablespoons Thai Sweet Chili Sauce (best quality, such as Mae Ploy or Thai Kitchen)

3 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon peeled and finely grated fresh ginger

2 scallions, green parts only, finely sliced

Directions:

1. Set the oven rack 5-6 inches from the top and preheat the broiler.

2. Make the marinade by combining the sweet chili sauce, soy sauce and ginger in a shallow baking dish. Spoon 1/4 cup of the marinade into a small dish and set aside (this will be the sauce for the cooked fish). Add the salmon fillets, skin side up, to the remaining marinade and marinate for 1 hour in refrigerator.

3. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Transfer the salmon fillets to the prepared baking sheet, skin side down, and drizzle a bit of the marinade over top. Go easy -- you don't want it to pool too much on the baking sheet because it will burn in the oven. Broil the salmon for 6-10 minutes, or until browned in spots and almost opaque in the center. Transfer the salmon to a serving platter and pour the reserved sauce over top. Garnish with scallions and serve.



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You can see pictures of some of her recent projects on her website: www.happytrailskitchen.com. You can contact Sharon through her website or by emailing her at happytrailskitchen@gmail.com or call (702) 277-8000. HTK is also on Facebook and Instagram under HappyTrailsKitchen.



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What is EIA in Horses and How is it Spread?

By The VHN Writing Team



The abbreviation EIA stands for Equine Infectious Anemia. Also known as swamp fever in some areas, this serious viral disease only affects equine species, such as horses, mules, and donkeys, and can be a deadly problem when it is spread among equine populations.

EIA is part of the same family of viruses as the human immunodeficiency virus or HIV. Because of this, some horse people refer to it as an equine HIV. While it belongs to the same virus family, it is not possible to spread it to humans.

This potentially fatal blood-borne illness is spread by blood contact only. Sneezing, coughing, and other casual mucosal transmission does not infect other animals.

It is thought that this disease is spread one of two main ways. First, very large types of biting flies, such as horseflies, could be potential transmitters as they have the opportunity to take enough blood from one horse only to bite another and infect that second animal.

Another more accepted way of transmission is through dirty or contaminated needles used in shady veterinarian or clinical equine practices. This would be a more guaranteed way of spreading the disease between multiple horses. This is why many states, including Nevada, require proof of a negative test for EIA before entering the states borders.

Less common given the measures taken for horses diagnosed with EIA, but still possible, is for a mare to pass on EIA to her foal in utero. Blood transfusions are also a possibility if the blood has not been tested.

The tricky part about EIA is that a horse can show absolutely no signs or symptoms of the disease. Yet, the most commonly diagnosed form of EIA is the chronic form where rapid infection and symptoms occur, such as edema and swelling, severe anemia, weight loss, depression, fevers, disorientation, and progressing weakness.

The infection is present in white blood cells and plasma and can become more elevated during periods of stress.

Once a horse survives the incubation and first stages of the disease, they are considered a carrier. There's the initial incubation period which can last anywhere from 15-45 days or more after initial infection. This is why horses that have been in close proximity to a known infected horse usually do more than one round of testing.

After this there will be a 1-3 day period of symptoms that intensify, followed by a period of potentially months of symptoms that come and go, like intense fevers, anemia, and more.

These flare ups can be difficult for the infected horse, causing severe system damage that needs its own treatment from a vet. This level of difficulty is often why a horse would be humanely euthanized.

It's impossible to diagnose EIA by signs alone. It must be done with a blood test as when a horse does show symptoms, they can closely mimic other equine diseases, leading to a misdiagnoses.

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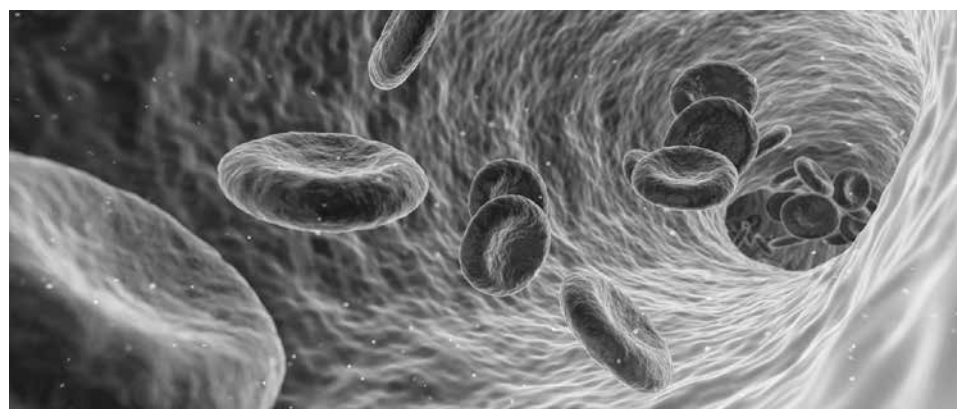
The two most serious parts of this disease are that once a horse is confirmed to have EIA they remain a carrier for life, meaning that even if they show no symptoms, they will have the life long ability to pass it to other horses which could contribute to a full blown equine endemic if not adequately controlled. The second serious part of this disease is that there is no treatment, cure, or vaccine for it.

Any horse with the disease is required by law to remain isolated from other horses by at least 200 yards. If long term isolation is not possible, or other issues arise such as discovery in close confines of many other horses, the owner or authorities may recommend humane euthanasia to prevent the spread of the disease.

Due to its seriousness, EIA is closely monitored and it is required of any owner with a horse that has EIA to alert the proper authorities so containment can be possible.

The prevalence of this disease began around the 1930's in the U.S. and had serious peaks in the 60's and 70's. In 1975, over 10,000 cases were discovered in the United States, resulting in extreme spread, severe clinical signs, and even equine deaths. Today most horses that are found to have EIA are symptomless and while that may be good for that particular horse, it can be very dangerous for the overall population if proper precautions and measures are not taken to prevent the spread.

Most states, facilities, and horse events require levels of testing for many diseases, including EIA as a way to prevent the spread of this and other serious disease.



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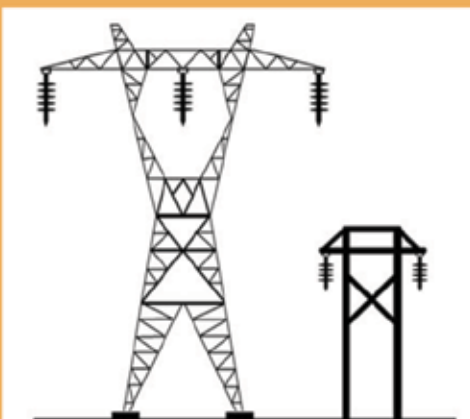
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More Than We Can See – Can Horses Sense Health Problems?

By The VHN Writing Team

Every day there are more and more stories and evidence brought to our attention that suggests animals have an extra sense outside of the typical five. A sixth sense that points to things we can't see for ourselves or even anticipate.

From dogs that seem to have the sight for the supernatural, cats that can predict the death of nursing home residents, and even horses that can sense the growth of cancer or other health struggles.

While detecting ghosts or other spookier incidents is hard to prove on a legitimate biological or factual level, horses being able to notice a disease in their owner's body could be rooted in completely provable science.

There are currently health clinics in operation that are backed by scientists utilizing a dog's natural sense of smell to detect cancer cells, with a pretty impressive track record for positive detections.

The number of individuals that have had their cancer "smelled" by dogs as a part of this study reaches into the high hundreds if not more and the study is very young. Scientists' have pinpointed a dog's ability to detect cancer cells and can even train these animals to detect the cells as a job, much like a bomb sniffing dog does.

If dogs can have this heightened ability to detect sickness in people with shocking accuracy, why can't horses have that same ability with the owners they love?

After all, horses have been utilizing their sense of smell to track danger for thousands of years. It's engrained in their very being.

It seems that horses could very well have this extra ability also. It has not yet been studied enough to suppose exactly how a horse would know, whether it's by scent or some other sixth sense altogether.

But there are far too many stories of horses just "knowing" that something isn't quite right with their owners.

There have been cases of horses reacting to a specific bodily area that turned out to have a tumor, a night and day change in personality with the high strung horse when the owner was sickly and needed gentle care, or even stories of horses alerting their owners to the risk for stroke and heart attacks before they actually happened.

It's not clear how they could possibly know these things just by being next to us, but the evidence adds up that somehow, someway, they knew.

Perhaps it can be linked to the same equine inclination that horses' have with military veterans suffering from PTSD or children recovering from abuse or struggling with a mental disorder.

Even though we can't outright tell a horse in plain english that this person is more fragile because of health problems, or they need to take it slow, somehow, horses just know off the bat that this case is different. That this person in particular needs help.

And many people have plainly nicknamed this sense as "horse sense" because it's something we can't really describe or compare in anyway, yet they have that undeniable ability to just know.

While there may be people that doubt the intelligence of animals and their true mental or sensory capabilities in any relation to our own, it can't be denied that horses and other creatures have the power to tap into another level of sensing that in the end can only be labelled as amazing.

Has your horse ever shown their "horse sense"? Have you ever been in a situation where your equine seemed to know something you didn't, and it turned out they were right?



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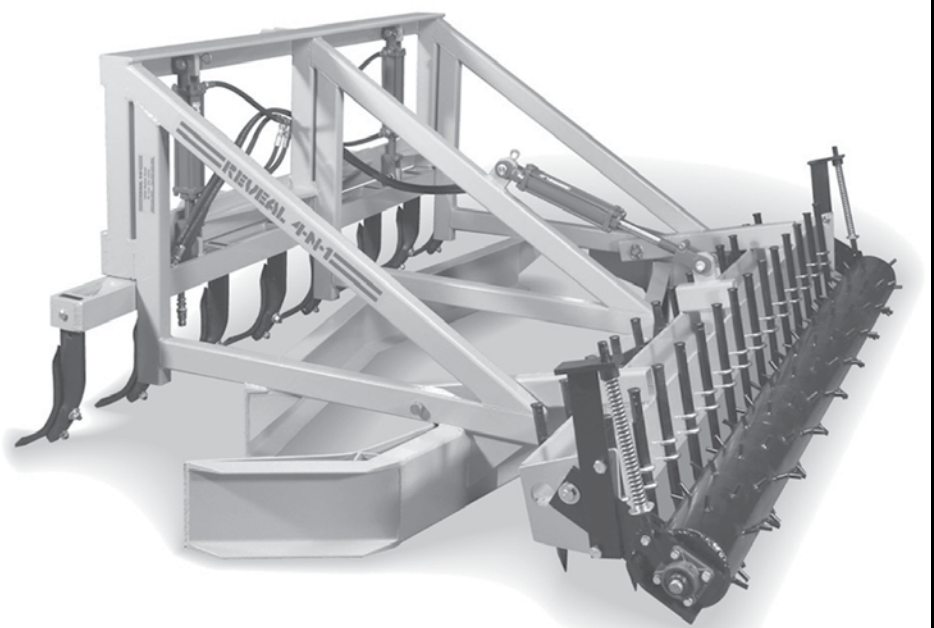
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What Makes a Real Horse Person?

By The VHN Writing Team



How do we truly define a real horse person?

If we took a random sampling of people, some of them horse owners and riders and some of them not, and asked them what really makes a horse person, chances are all of the answers gathered would be different.

Some of them would say that to be a horse person you have to own at least one horse. Some of them would say you have to be obsessed, and eat, sleep, and breathe everything horse related. And some still would say that to be a horse person you have to know every single thing about horses from top to bottom.

Would you agree with these statements?

Maybe yes, maybe no, or maybe you just simply feel that there's more to it than those simple observations.

In all the texts, in all the minds, in all the opinions of the world, there are some common thoughts on what makes a horse person just that.

And this is what we have found in our search for answers.

A horse person is...

Someone that holds horses deep within their heart and soul. It's an image in their dreams and an itch beneath their fingertips. It's a feeling beyond words that can only be realized when in the presence of that person and a horse. There's a vibration, an awakening between the two that creates an unbreakable link that lasts until the end of time. They are simultaneously energized and at peace by this connection and are forever changed at its birth.



A horse person holds the value, respect, and appreciation of life not only in the palm of their hand but in their minds eye with every step they take. They exude this respect and live by it like a creed. You cannot be a horse person without this understanding put into action. You cannot be a horse person without this acceptance and reverence for another creature, for life itself and how it mirrors our own living.

This kind of person knows how to come second... or third... or fourth. They know how to sacrifice and prioritize. They know what it means to care and to continue caring, with every breath and every waking moment lived with intention. They are okay with not being the first slot on the roster, maybe ever, in sacrifice for the needs of others.



They also know the value in learning and remaining humble and open to knowledge. They understand that it's impossible to know everything in a single lifetime, but that there's merit in trying and staying open minded. There's reward in striving to better oneself.

They hold tight the importance of courage and grit and the will to keep going, day in and day out. Life is not without fear or uncertainty. Life is not without its tests. But the will to stay strong and soldier on is a mantra of the spirit of a horse person.

A horse person is without doubt someone who does not fear the earliness of the dawn or the quickness of the night. They are undeterred by the sight of dirt, grease, blood, and sweat. They welcome with open arms the challenge of hard labor and the chance of injury or pain.

They are unafraid to say "I will do this. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but I will not rest until I've seen it done."

They know the grace of the passage of time and the privilege of aging.

They accept the possibility of loss and the risk of giving and loving something so much that that something's passing forever changes them.

They appreciate the smallest and simplest instances of happiness that can occur on any typical day.

There's also one unchangeable fact: once you are a horse person, you remain a horse person until your time on this earth is done.



The Easiest Ways to Restrain a Horse

By The VHN Writing Team



A large part of owning horses is understanding how to safely work with them. Because they are such big animals, it doesn't take much for a horse to exert his weight and strength over yours, putting you in a situation that could be very dangerous.

Unfortunately, restraining your horse is something that you will have to do at one point or another. You might have to even do it routinely to administer care that your horse doesn't like or want to accommodate.

But how are you supposed to restrain an animal that weighs over a thousand pounds?

Luckily for us, some of the best ways to restrain your horse have everything to do with positioning versus actual brute force on your part.

One of the most widely used restraints is the halter hold. You've probably already done this restraint to administer dewormer to your horse. Standing next to him, with the lead rope in one hand, you take your other hand nearest his body, place your fingers through the noseband almost like a hook, and then keeping your four fingers hooked around the band, you take your thumb and place it in the corner of your horse's mouth.

This gives you the perfect way to get your horse's mouth open and keep him distracted long enough to administer the medication.

Another restraint tactic you can use is one that's very popular with veterinarians.

The main thing to remember with this is to keep three points of contact with your horse. Standing next to him, you want the hand closest to him to hold onto the edge of the noseband where it meets the rest of the halter, put that same arm's elbow perpendicular and up so that it's up into the horse's neck making firm contact, and nestle that same side's hip into your horse's side by his leg. These three points of contact will give you a firm grip, allow you to angle the horse, and keep you from getting kicked/stepped on.

If the horse starts to pull or run away, you can use these three points to turn the horse around your frame and keep control of him. With these three points, he'll have no choice but to bend and his own strength will be limited as he has to turn.

A third type of hold is the hand twitch. You've probably heard of twitching a horse, which is meant to distract your horse away from pain. This type of twitch involves keeping the same grip on the halter as above, but with your outside hand. With your inside hand, you can grab or pinch a bit of his loose skin/ fat on his neck, giving the same type of distraction.

This is popular for giving shots or taking blood. It's also a good position so that your hand and forearm are there to block the horse in case he tries to sidestep over you.

There are also devices, such as a stud shank or chain that can be used with a particularly unruly horse or one that is extra large. Certain methods, like using a chain or even hobbling a horse are up to the owner/handler. Some horse people do not condone the use of certain methods or practices, while others will save certain measures for extreme cases only.

One of the biggest things to remember about horse restraints is that each horse is different. Each horse will have their own kind of limitations about what they'll accept. And it's important to know if there's an easier restraint available for a specific horse. Some owners will twitch their horse's ear during clipping, which means they'll twist or pinch an ear for distraction.

Depending on the horse, using this method over time can develop bad habits, say during clipping sessions. Another horse might be sensitive of their mouth so using a thumb to open them up for medication will be a much bigger hassle than another method.

These are things you should keep in mind if you need to restrain a horse:

1. The less time the horse needs to be restrained the better, so have everything ready, such as medication, beforehand. If you can be quick, it means less struggle or attempts on your part.

2. Have plenty of space around you when restraining a horse. Accidents happen, and a horse that is distressed enough isn't going to care about what or who is around him. The last thing you need is to get pinned between an agitated horse and a pile of boxes or a stall door.

3. It goes without saying that the surface you're standing on should be stable and not slippery. A slick surface is a recipe for disaster should you fall or the horse.

4. It might sound counterintuitive, but your horse's way should never be blocked during a restraint, such as by you. When restraining a horse, if you stand directly in front of them instead of to the side, you are at risk of being kicked or trampled during a stressful situation. If a horse wants to get away badly enough, he's going to go whether you're standing there or not.

5. Don't underestimate a horse that seems calm during a restraint. Maybe all you're doing is holding a horse by the rope. You should pay attention no matter how simple the restraint seems. Don't be on your phone, eating, or having a serious conversation with someone standing off to the side. Your attention is necessary for everyone's safety.

6. If you're helping someone, you should be on the same side as that person. This way, you have an unblocked view of how the procedure is going, and should the horse become unruly, you can help to push away or block that person from the horse's movements.

7. Use even more caution if you're working with a horse you don't know. It's one thing to predict your own horse's moods and movements, it's another to guess at an unfamiliar horse's reactions. When in doubt, ask someone else to step in or have a second or third person monitor the situation.

It can be daunting to think about how to restrain your horse, but with practice and proper preparation, you'll know how to do so safely, quickly, and like a pro.



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The Connection Between Wind and Equine Eye Fungus

by The VHN Writing Team



Horses have some of the largest eyes of any land mammal. Their eyes are quite an amazing part of evolution, but the only downside of having such large eyes is that it leads to much more frequent eye injuries. Eye injuries can also be some of the most stubborn and difficult to heal.

As horse owners, we are well aware of the fact that our horses are notorious for injuries. And the situations that cause those injuries don't even have to be that serious for an injury to happen.

Because our horses are naturally prey animals, they rely heavily on their sight to help them navigate the world. Should an injury happen, infection is much more likely due to bacteria or fungus taking hold in the wound.

Researchers have found that there could even be a connection to horse eye infections from the introduction of fungus via a route that we didn't previously consider such a formidable threat: wind.

If you've ever been out in a windstorm yourself, you know how painful and irritating it can be to have sand and other debris blown in your face. Even just an eyelash falling into your eye can be painful and sometimes tricky to treat. It can also damage your eye if left too long.

For our horses, who can't exactly reach up with a finger to pull away an eyelash or wash their own eyes out with water, the possibility of having debris blown into their eyes is extremely high.

In fact, researchers found that of all the different factors, wind was one of the leading causes of fungal eye infections in every season. When wind blew during say spring or fall, the chance of a stray piece of hay or other substance that carried fungus was much, much higher.

This damaging introduction of fungus to the eye can easily lead to diseases like Equine Ulcerative Keratomycosis or EUK. EUK usually develops after trauma (like a piece of hay scratching the eye) leads to an ulcer or another injury of the cornea.

The cornea is the transparent tissue layer of the eyeball that covers the front section of the eye. This injury can lead to many things, like excessive tearing and pain. It can also cause vision loss or the need for the eyeball to be removed completely.

It's quite crazy to think that a horse could lose his vision altogether simply because a strong gust of wind caused a piece of stray hay to scratch the horse's eye.

If anything, this only reinforces the need to properly protect our horses' eyes from the elements. Fly masks are a good investment to prevent some serious issues to your horse's vision. Providing a wind barrier, like a wall in your horse's run, can also help them stay protected.

And on windy days, monitoring your horse's eyes for signs of trauma could help prevent the progression of destructive fungus and other infections.



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What is Epistaxis?

By The VHN Writing Team



It might look like a very technical and foreboding medical term at first. Believe it or not, you've more than likely already witnessed your horse have epistaxis.

The word epistaxis simply means "bleeding from the nose." It's more of a blanket term for a horse's nosebleeds, as it can cover anything from a few drops, to a gushing nosebleed.

Bleeding from a horse's nose can originate from anywhere in the upper and lower respiratory tract. This includes the sinuses and other airway structures in the head. Because the blood can have many origins, it can be difficult to deduce where it's coming from by only looking at the outside.

What exactly causes epistaxis?

The most common cause of epistaxis is trauma to the horse's head or nose area. Hard, blunt force to a horse's head like shying and hitting a metal rung, barn door, or other hard surface can cause bleeding.

A kick or a fall can also lead to epistaxis. In these scenarios the sinuses rupture, allowing fresh, bright blood to flow through the passages and out the nostrils.

Usually the bleeding isn't a concern, though it can be shocking. An infection of the sinuses can also cause bleeding, but the consistency would be different with the accompaniment of puss.

Abscesses in any part of the airway can also lead to bleeding as well as foreign objects entering the nose like a rock, twig, wood, or piece of hay.

If your horse is experiencing epistaxis after turnout or pasture time, rule out possible sharp foreign objects just in case.

Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage may be another cause, often seen in performance horses. This happens with the rupture of blood vessels in the lungs due to heavy exercise, though seeing blood come out is more rare. The condition is still being studied. Some horses may have a predisposition for EIPH and if it happens too often it can lead to scarring.

One last possibility is the drying out of the airways. Sometimes when the weather changes to a low humidity suddenly and the days get hotter, the airways can crack and allow for a bit of blood.

This change is most often mild and short lived as your horse's body adapts to the change.

Though epistaxis can be alarming, a calm intervention is important. Checking the coloring of the blood, how much is coming out, the consistency, if it's leaking from both nostrils, and if it has stopped or stops after a few minutes are all things to look for.

Often, the blood will be dried and need a quick clean up. After, owners typically find a spot where their horse bumped their nose or sneezed onto the ground.

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A check up by the vet can help you understand what has happened.

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- Disorientation
- Excessive rubbing on the nostrils
- Odd color
- Odor
- Puss
- Changes in breathing
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If your horse doesn't display any odd symptoms and is back to his normal self after the bleeding has stopped, then he should be fine. Epistaxis can be a somewhat scary thing to see on your horse, but is both common and explainable just as in humans.



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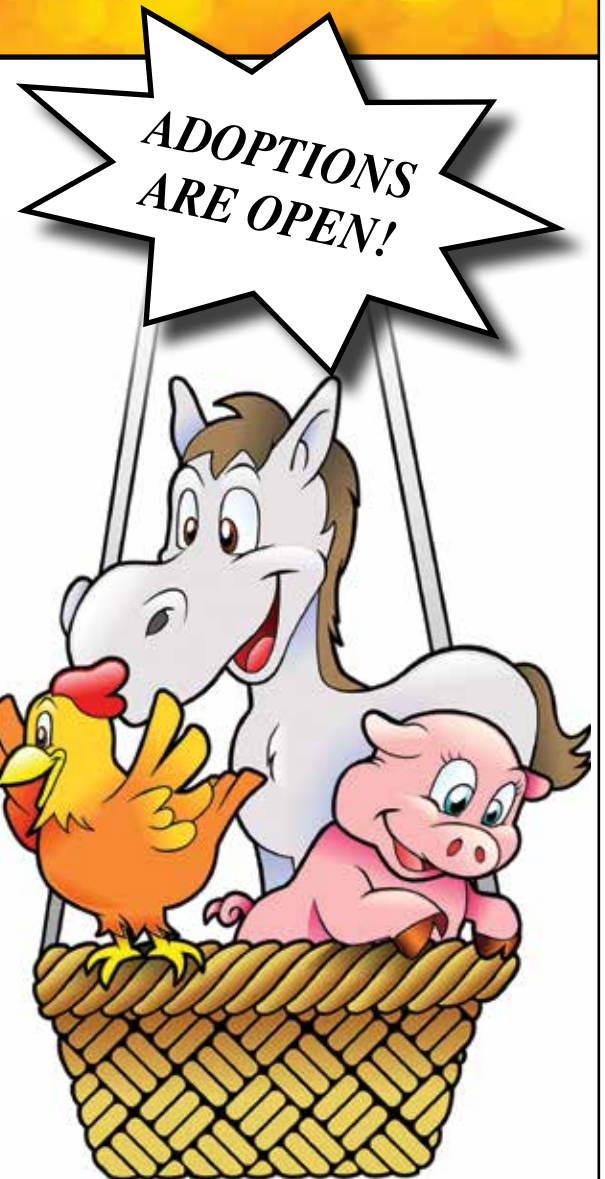
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