

Carolina Equine Hospital Foal Recommendations

FOAL VACCINATION SCHEDULE

Congratulations! There is someone new in your life. This little bundle of joy will need preventative health care too. The rules are a little different for foals.

We encourage you to have one of our veterinarians out to examine your new arrival 8-12 hours after birth. At this time, we will make sure the foal has received the antibodies needed from the mare to protect itself for the first several months of life.

Without these antibodies, the slightest infection may be deadly. Your foal will also be given an enema and an injection of Vitamin E and Selenium, critical to young muscle development. It gives you a great opportunity to ask questions about behavior and handling as well.

Deworm your new foal monthly beginning at 1 month of age. You will want to alternate between Pyrantel pamoate (Strongid®) and Ivermectin (Equell®) to protect your foal from the parasites it will encounter.

New foals are protected from disease by the antibodies from the mare. At 5-6 months of age, these antibodies decrease and vaccination becomes essential to build immunity.

8-12 hours: Physical exam, antibody blood test, enema, dip navel, Vitamin E shot, etc...

1 month: Deworm with Strongid

2 months: Deworm Ivermectin

3 months: Deworm with Strongid

4 months: Deworm with Strongid

5 months: Deworm Ivermectin

Tetanus, Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis (#1)

Influenza, Rhino (#1)

Strep vaccine (#1)

West Nile vaccine (#1)

6 months: Tetanus, Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis (#2)

Influenza, Rhino (#2)

Strep vaccine (#2)

West Nile vaccine (#2)

Rabies vaccine

7 months: Tetanus, Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis (#3)

Influenza, Rhino (#3)

West Nile vaccine (#3)

Rabies Vaccine (#2)

