

Helping Your Horse Age Gracefully!

Good immunology for life should start with healthy foalhood, which includes good colostrum immunity and early prevention of infectious disease.

Horses are living longer, and veterinarians are finding that much of the reason for this longevity is better health care throughout an animal's life.

Longevity in your horse is like longevity in your car... If you want to drive your car for 250,000 miles, then you will change the oil regularly when you buy the car as opposed to deciding to start maintaining it at 150,000 miles.

Overall parasite control and good nutritional status have a positive impact on a horse's immune response.

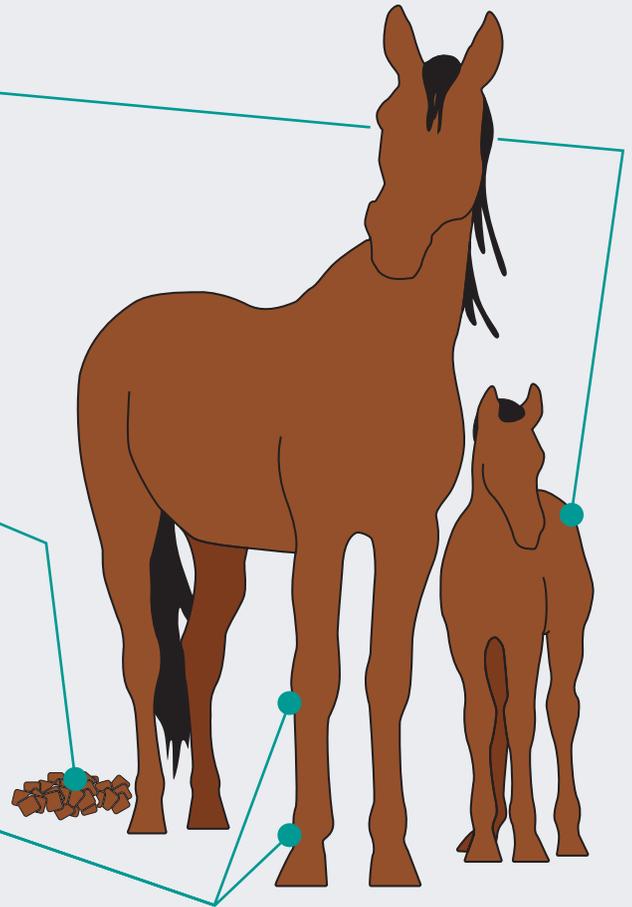
Learn more about parasite control at getrotationright.com.

Joint care is important in the older horse! General musculoskeletal care for joints and proper hoof care mean reduced general stress, which can contribute to a longer, happier, healthier life for horses.

Veterinarians used to think that a horse could live as long as his teeth lasted, and now many feel like horses can live until they can't get up and down any more. That's the health of their joints!

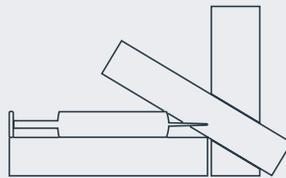
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How can you decide how "old" your horse is?

After age 5 take the horse's age and multiply by 3. So a 20-year-old horse is equivalent to a 60-year-old person.



A strong immune system means a healthier horse, and vaccination is one of the keys to developing an animal's immune protection against disease. As an animal ages, its immune system often is not as effective, so seek veterinary advice for individual animal vaccination programs.

Properly administered vaccines represent the most economical tools available to help prevent infectious diseases.

To learn more about vaccinations that are safe and efficacious visit getvaccinatingright.com.

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