

Cannington Veterinary Services Professional Corporation

Our vision is to deliver superior animal health management solutions for our patients while providing value to our clients, a rewarding working experience for our practice team and support for our community

Our team is committed to delivering the highest quality of veterinary medicine and exceptional customer service with integrity, compassion and accountability. We strive to keep up to date with advances in veterinary medicine that will enable us to stay leaders in the deliverance of high quality veterinary services to our clients and their animals.



What is new at the clinic?

This spring has been very exciting for everyone at CVS as with the increase in daylight, we have also experienced other positive changes! As many of you have already met the addition of our third veterinarian – Dr. Jenn, we are pleased that she has joined our team. We have experienced an active spring this year, and she looks forward to meeting you if she has not been out to your farm already!

Another exciting announcement is the launch of our brand new website – www.canningtonvet.ca Be sure to bookmark our page to keep updated on some of the latest news, links, and contact information that may be of interest to you!

We look forward to providing you with a quarterly newsletter that will help you to keep on top of the season's latest information. Please feel free to forward any comments or suggestions for future newsletters to info@canningtonvet.ca

Inside

Equine *Equine Herpes Virus in Ontario*

Small Ruminant *Coccidiosis and your flock...*

Bovine *Is it time to review your vaccination program?*



*Be sure to forward us your email address
for our next newsletter!*

Equine Herpes Virus in Ontario

All horse owners in Ontario should be aware of the recent diagnosed cases of Equine Herpes Virus type 1 (EHV-1) in southwestern Ontario. In early June, Woodbine Racetrack had 2 horses that had shown acute neurological symptoms and were diagnosed to have the neurological form of EHV-1. They implemented strict quarantine conditions for the affected barns.

This is a serious disease that can cause upper respiratory signs, neurological symptoms and abortions in affected animals. With this threat so close to home, it is important that you can recognize the risk factors and symptoms for this virus.

This disease is highly contagious and can be transmitted with direct contact or over distances of approximately 10 meters in the form of aerosol droplets, on feed, tack or other equipment, or on the clothes and hands of people.

Signs:

- Fever (>102F), nasal discharge, lack of coordination, hind-end weakness, lethargy, urine dribbling



Horses that could be exposed to EHV-1 include horses that have come into contact with those that are from Woodbine Racetrack. Most horses that have been exposed can effectively fight off the virus without showing clinical signs. Unfortunately, the neurological form of EHV-1 is difficult to prevent with vaccination. However, implementing strict biosecurity for new or travelling horses, including cleaning equipment and grooming tools and keeping up to date on your vaccines can dramatically aid in reducing the risk of transmission at your stable.

Feel free to contact us to inquire about your horse's vaccination status or if you have any other questions!

www.vetvine.com



Coccidiosis in lambs and kids

Coccidia are microscopic parasites of the intestine. If you have lambs on the ground, it is important that you monitor your flock for signs of diarrhea – especially in your youngsters. Most often young stock are affected (either nursing or weaned) displaying diarrhea and poor growth. The most common ages affected are 4 weeks to 5 months. There are many factors that can play a role in the incidence of coccidiosis in your flock. These can be defined under the categories of parasite, animal and the environment. There are different strategies that can be employed in order to aid in the prevention and treatment of such a costly disease. Do not hesitate to contact us to discuss your flock deworming program or if you have any concerns regarding coccidiosis this year

<http://www.ontariosheep.org>

Vaccinating to protect your bottom line....

“Is the gamble worth it? Such risks make vaccination your safest bet by ensuring your herd’s health and reproductive efficiency”

-Kathy Larson and Leah Pearce, 2010

We can all reflect back on examples in our lives where we opted out of purchasing extended warranty in order to save an expense. This sometimes can pay off, and sometimes it can come back to bite us!

Vaccinating your herd is much like purchasing an insurance premium. Without doing so, you can be gambling the large cost of the health of your livestock against the small cost of a tool that so many producers are capitalizing on! The cost of the vaccine is the annual premium that aids you in avoiding significant losses from death, illness, reduced fertility and production. Vaccinating cattle from respiratory disease continues to garner great attention. There are many different diseases you can vaccinate for, and discussing with your veterinarian which ones are important in your herd or flock can help you to decide. With the rising cost of production, this important tool can aid in protecting your stock from devastating losses. Potential losses from disease, illness, or fertility can quickly outweigh the investment of vaccinating.

Closed Herd Argument

To address the argument “my herd is closed so I do not have a need to vaccinate”,



keep in mind a closed herd means:

- all heifer replacements are produced within the herd and no animals are bought in
- all bulls are from herd or from AI
- no fence line contact with neighbouring animals
- cattle are not taken to shows (4-H, community pasture, etc.)
- strict biosecurity is adhered (feed delivery, bob calf pick up, visitors from other farms, nutritionists, vets)

These requirements address the fact that there are likely not many totally closed herds, but varying degrees of open herds (for both dairy and beef production)

If you are not vaccinating, your herd’s resistance declines over time to diseases that can cause serious outbreaks with significant complications.

Many of our clients have inquired to update their herd and flock vaccination status this year and are benefiting from such preventative measures. If you are a dairy, beef or sheep and goat producer and you would like to review your current vaccination protocol, or perhaps would like to get your herd started on a personalized health prevention program we are looking forward to hearing from you!

<http://www.wbdc.sk.ca>