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Vaccination of Horses in Central Vermont

We follow the guidelines developed by the American Association of Equine Practitioners in conjunction with our knowledge of Central Vermont, and your situation in particular, to help decide which vaccines are best for your horses.

Horses get vaccine-preventable diseases from two sources: the environment (soil, mosquitoes, ticks, wild animals, etc) and from other horses. All horses should be vaccinated to prevent against diseases that they can acquire in their own pastures. Horses who show or come into contact with many other horses should also be protected against the diseases that they can get from those horses.

In general: All horses in Vermont should be vaccinated against Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus (EWT), West Nile Virus (WNV), and Rabies. More and more Lyme disease vaccination is also being recommended. I use Vetera WNV, Imrab Rabies, and Merial's Recombitek Lyme vaccine (that is labelled for dogs.)

Horses who come in contact with other horses (show horses, horses who ride with horse clubs, horses at barns with a lot of horse movement, etc.) should also be vaccinated against Equine Herpes Virus (Rhino) and the Equine Influenza Virus (Flu). I use Calvenza 03 EIV, the high-antigen flu-rhino vaccine, given IM.

Many other vaccinations are available and you should discuss their necessity with your veterinarian. The most common ones are Strangles (*Strep. equi*), Lyme disease, and Potomac Horse Fever. Strangles is a problem in some areas and is particularly an issue for horses who have a busy show schedule or live at very busy barns. Lyme disease and Potomac Horse Fever are problems in some areas of Central Vermont and are acquired from the environment.