

# Preventing disease in your horses

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- Don't introduce disease with new horses
- Take care of your sick horses
- Keep your horses healthy
- Avoid disease spread

# Don't introduce disease with new horses

- Check health status and vaccination history of introduced horses
- Isolate new horses for 10 days
- Treat for parasites
- Closely monitor for signs of disease

# Take care of your sick horses

- Isolate sick horses away from other horses
- Use separate gear, protective clothing and handle last
- Do not move unless for veterinary treatment
- Report any unusual illnesses to your local vet or the government vet

# Keep your horses healthy

- Group horses according to age or use.
- Avoid contact with neighbouring horses with double fences
- Give full course of vaccinations and boosters for tetanus, strangles and equine herpesvirus.
- Don't share feed and water buckets when out

# Avoid disease spread

- Fresh needles and syringes for each horse
- Clean and disinfect equipment like tooth rasps, stomach tubes between horses
- Make sure people coming to handle horses do so too
- Control insects and rodents

# Seen anything unusual?

## LOOK, CHECK, ASK A VET



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