

Equine Veterinary Associates

Client Information on New Foal Vaccine Regimen

Now that your new foal has safely arrived, you want to make sure you do everything you can to keep it healthy. Foals acquire some natural immunity to disease from their dams in the colostrum, especially if you vaccinate the mare about a month before foaling as we recommend under our pregnant mare vaccine regimen. Once their maternal immunity wears off they need to be vaccinated against the same diseases as adults.

If the mare was vaccinated pre-foaling, the timeline for foal vaccines is as follows:

6 months: Rabies, VEWT+Flu+Rhino, West Nile, Strangles

7 months: Rabies, VEWT+Flu+Rhino, West Nile, Strangles

12 months: Rabies, VEWT+Flu+Rhino, West Nile, Strangles

If the mare was not vaccinated prior to foaling, the timeline starts a month earlier:

Day one: tetanus antitoxin for foal, tetanus toxoid for mare

5 months: Rabies, VEWT+Flu+Rhino, West Nile, Strangles

6 months: Rabies, VEWT+Flu+Rhino, West Nile, Strangles

12 months: Rabies, VEWT+Flu+Rhino, West Nile, Strangles

Intervet has a website called foalcare.com that allows you to plug in the foaling date and it will generate a timeline of similar recommendations for your foal. It also has some good information on post-foaling care and what to watch for.

See the deworming protocol for foals under client education.