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## **Guidelines for Broodmare Health**

### **1. Prior to Breeding:**

- Assess body condition and make dietary changes accordingly
- Dental exam and float teeth if needed
- Vaccinations: Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis, Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, Rhinopneumonitis, Influenza, West Nile Virus, Rabies
- Fecal exam to assess parasite status and institute an appropriate deworming schedule
- Consider uterine culture and biopsy depending on the individual mare

### **2. After Breeding:**

- 1st ultrasound exam 14-16 days after ovulation – The timing of this exam is important to detect and manage the presence of twins, and to plan for breeding the next cycle if the mare is not pregnant. Approximate due date is 345 days from ovulation.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ultrasound exam 28-33 days after ovulation – At this time, a fetal heartbeat can usually be detected.
- 5 Months+ Determine if additional exams are needed depending on individual mare, possible rectal palpation to confirm pregnancy, assess body condition and make dietary changes if necessary.
- 5 months: Rhinopneumonitis /Influenza vaccination
- 7 months: Rhinopneumonitis vaccination
- 9 months: Rhinopneumonitis vaccination

### **3. Pre-Foaling**

- 4-6 weeks from Due Date:
  - Vaccinations: Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis, Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, Rhinopneumonitis, Influenza, West Nile Virus, Rabies
  - Open caslicks if needed
  - Deworm with ivermectin