



STANDARD CARE GUIDELINES POLICY FOR TRF HORSES

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Purpose: To give anyone in charge of TRF horses a general guideline for care.

Scope: This policy covers all TRF horses. It is meant as a guideline, as standards may vary with geographical region, age of animal, etc.

Responsibility:

- **Pasture/shelter** see AAEP Guidelines
- **Nutrition** see AAEP Guidelines
- **Vaccinations:** Annually- in the spring with tetanus, EEE/WEE, West Nile, and rabies (only every 2 years). Other vaccinations may be indicated by local veterinarian or agricultural extension.
- **De-worming:** All TRF horses shall be de-wormed as needed. In general, a broad spectrum product may be used in spring. After that, fecal tests should be done in order to determine the most effective product. In addition, fecal checks shall be done on any horse that begins to lose weight for no apparent reason.
Individual treatment plans may be indicated by local veterinarian or agricultural extension.
- **Trimming:** TRF suggests trimming every 8-12 weeks unless attention is needed more regularly for poor hooves or difficult pasture conditions.
- **Dental work:** Teeth should be checked by a dentist or veterinarian once every year unless attention is needed more regularly for aged horses or horses losing food (horses' teeth shall be checked annually by veterinarian during TRF supervised farm visits). □ **Veterinary care:** Please refer to our veterinary care policy

Administrative: It is expected that anyone who cares for a TRF horse shall keep accurate horse health records as part of the basic care of the horse.

Satellite Farm Managers and TRF employees that care for horses are **required** to keep accurate records for each horse's health care history. Those records must be available to TRF's Herd Manager with reasonable notice.

*I have read and understood the **Farm Manager Standard Care Policy***

Farm Manager: _____ Date: _____