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### **West Nile Vaccination Update**

UC Davis West Nile Vaccination Recommendations (modified for Southern Oregon)

#### **Vaccinated Adult Horses:**

A yearly booster should be given at the beginning of mosquito season in March or April. Horses that receive their yearly booster before March should receive a booster six months later to ensure coverage through the entire mosquito season.

#### **Unvaccinated Adult Horses:**

The first dose should be given in March or April. The second dose should be given three to four weeks later. Booster every year during March or April in order to coincide with the beginning of mosquito season. Horses that receive their yearly boosters before March should receive a booster six months later to ensure coverage through the entire mosquito season.

#### **Pregnant Mares:**

The vaccine is not currently approved for pregnant mares. If you choose to vaccinate, avoid vaccinating during the first trimester (4 months) of pregnancy. Mares can be given the West Nile vaccine along with the routine pre-foaling vaccines given four to eight weeks before foaling to provide protection to the newborn foal through the colostrum.

#### **Foals:**

Foals born to mares that have not been vaccinated, or to a mare that has not been given a booster vaccination within two months of foaling, should be given a three shot series at three, four, and six months of age.

Foals born to mares that have been vaccinated four to eight weeks before foaling should not be vaccinated until they are at least four months old. They should get a three shot series at four, five, and seven months of age.