

Smokey Mountain Mobile Vet Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2009

I'M BACK!!!

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL THE GOOD TIDINGS AND WELL WISHES IN THE BIRTH OF MY DAUGHTER, ALEXIA MEREDITH TRULL. SHE WAS BORN JANUARY 11, 2009 AT 3:25 AM. I AM BACK AT WORK, LIMITED AT FIRST THEN BACK TO FULL TIME. ADDITIONALLY THIS YEAR I WILL BE HAVING SOME APPOINTMENTS AT MY PLACE OFF RABBIT SKIN RD. CALL FOR TIMES.

Keeping your Horses Healthy Teeth, Sheath and Feet

Preventative care/maintenance with your horse can, in the long run, save you lots of money and give you more time and years of riding. Many of us tend not to address an issue until it becomes a problem but with a horses' teeth, sheath and feet this can be rather costly.

Teeth: horses should have their teeth checked for sharp points yearly from about age 5 onward. Previous to 5 years old many horses should be checked for residual "baby" teeth or caps and for wolf teeth. Problems with a horses' teeth can cause problems with riding and eating and therefore weight loss. Sometimes these problems can sneak up on you so yearly dental exams can catch the problem early saving you lots of \$\$\$.

Sheath: though cleaning a gelding's and stallion's sheath is not the most ideal job it is a necessary procedure. A dirty sheath can lead to infection, urine scald or even colic. Additionally, this procedure allows the horse to be thoroughly examined for cancerous lesions.

Feet: proper and regular foot care for the overall health of the horse cannot be overstated. Most of us regard foot care as something that allows us to ride them. However, improper foot care can lead to more health problems; abscesses, founder, sore tendons, sore muscles, lameness and decreased performance. Each horse is different but a horse should have his feet trimmed or reshod every 6-8 weeks year 'round.



Alpaca Buyers Clinic: For soon to be & new alpaca owners. March 14, 2009 at Venezia Farm in Asheville NC. Contact: <http://www.alpacaswnc.com/buyersclinic.html>

COGGINS CLINICS: \$19 EACH
MARCH 28 2009: 9-12 @ JUNALUSKA FEED CENTER
APRIL 18 2009: 9-12 @ "MY PLACE" 258 RILEY RIDGE (OFF RABBIT SKIN RD)

**SAVE A TREE, BE GOOD TO THE
ENVIROMENT**

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