

Vaccination

Vaccination is the core of Clent Hills Veterinary Group preventative healthcare service for horses. Not only does vaccination offer protection against debilitating and potentially fatal diseases, but also it provides the opportunity for your horse to receive a veterinary examination and for you to discuss your horse's health and welfare with the experts.

Vaccines are available to protect your horse against 4 main diseases:



a) Tetanus

It is essential to vaccinate all horses against tetanus, a disease of the nervous system caused by a toxin from a soil-borne bacterium called *Clostridium tetani*. If an unvaccinated horse suffers even a small wound which becomes infected with these bacteria, the condition of tetanus may develop and usually results in death of the affected animal. The vaccines available against tetanus in the horse are very effective.

b) Equine Influenza

This is one of the most common causes of viral respiratory disease in the horse. A respiratory viral infection in the horse can cause upper and lower airway disease with chronic coughing. Affected horses benefit from a dust-free environment and may need a significant period of time out of work in order to allow full recovery. Vaccination against Equine Influenza is a requirement for competition under The Jockey Club and other equine authorities.

c) Equine Herpes Virus 1,4

This is a serious viral disease causing respiratory problems and abortion. An effective vaccine is available and is important for brood mares.