

Rabies



What is rabies?

- Neurologic viral disease
- All mammals are susceptible
- Highest case fatality ratio of any infectious disease
- Rare in horses, but invariably fatal
- Wildlife, including raccoons, bats, skunks, and foxes are the primary reservoir species.

What you can do to keep your horse healthy:

- Vaccinate. The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) recommends the rabies vaccine as an annual core vaccine for all equids.
- Work with your veterinarian to determine the optimal vaccination schedule for your horse(s).

Signs

Ataxia
Inability to stand
Sensitivity to touch
Muscle tremor
Anorexia
Fever
Convulsions

Transmission

Transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal or when saliva from an infected animal contacts a wound or mucous membranes.

Treatment

There is no treatment for rabies in horses.

**If your horse needs medical care, contact the Large Animal Clinic at (530) 752-1393.*



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