What is West Nile virus?
- Mosquito-borne virus that affects humans and other animals, particularly horses
- Infection in horses can range from mild to potentially fatal inflammation of the brain
- Most horses recover, but some experience long-term effects

What you can do to keep your horse healthy:
- Include a West Nile vaccine as an annual core vaccine for your horse, as recommended by the American Association of Equine Practitioners.
- Practice good mosquito control, including eliminating breeding sites by removing standing water, cleaning water containers and stocking water troughs with fish that feed on mosquito larvae.

Signs
- Fever
- Incoordination
- Stumbling/Falling
- Weakness
- Muscle twitching
- Seizures
- Head drooping

Transmission
- West Nile virus is transmitted by mosquitoes. Horses and humans cannot give it to each other.

Treatment
- No specific treatment
- Supportive care

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