

# Protect Horses From Tetanus

Don't ignore small puncture wounds on horses, advises Dr. Robert Hammond, extension veterinarian at the University of Maryland. It isn't serious and after a week or two heals with out leaving a scar.

Suppose your horse gets a small puncture from a nail in the stall. Two weeks later the horse gets stiff and his difficulty moving and eating. Your veterinarian examines him and diag-

noses lockjaw (tetanus). What happened?

Tetanus bacteria (*Clostridium tetani*) secrete a powerful toxin that causes damage. Dr. Hammond explains. These organisms enter the body through cuts and abrasions of the skin or mucous membranes. Puncture wounds or contaminated and bruised wounds are especially serious.

All warm-blooded animals are susceptible to tetanus, but horses and sheep are especially so. Cattle seem to be quite resistant.

jaw can be treated with antibiotics and tranquilizers. Keeping them in a well padded, quiet, darkened stall may aid in recovery, but even with the best of care, less than half the horses showing symptoms recover.

You veterinarian can immunize your horse against tetanus, there are two ways to do it.

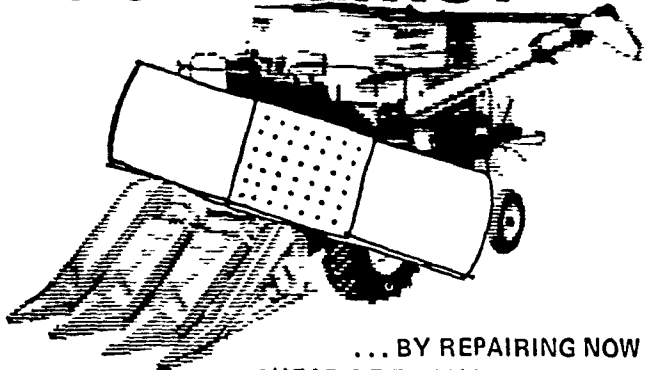
An injection of antitoxin will protect an exposed horse immediately but gives protection for only a short period. This method is used to protect

wounded horses not previously immunized.

An injection of tetanus toxoid will stimulate a horse to build up his own immunity. This is more satisfactory and lasts longer. A second dose two weeks later increases the immunity and with a booster dose yearly the horse is continuously immune.

Don't wait until your horse is injured, protect him from tetanus now. Dr. Hammond recommends

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Clair Witwer, 16, of 617 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster, will be in Washington, D. C. August 3-8 to attend a National FFA Conference.

Clair, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Witwer, attends Lampeter-Strasburg High School and is President of the Garden Spot FFA Chapter. He was elected county FFA president in November.

Along with 100 other chapter presidents and officers from across the nation, he will exchange ideas, investigate agricultural career opportunities, and participate in a planned program at the National FFA Center near Alexandria, Virginia.

In addition, Clair has made tentative arrangements for a meeting with his Congressman, the Honorable Edwin Eshelman. During the week, he also will have an opportunity to meet with several national leaders from government, industry and agricultural organizations.

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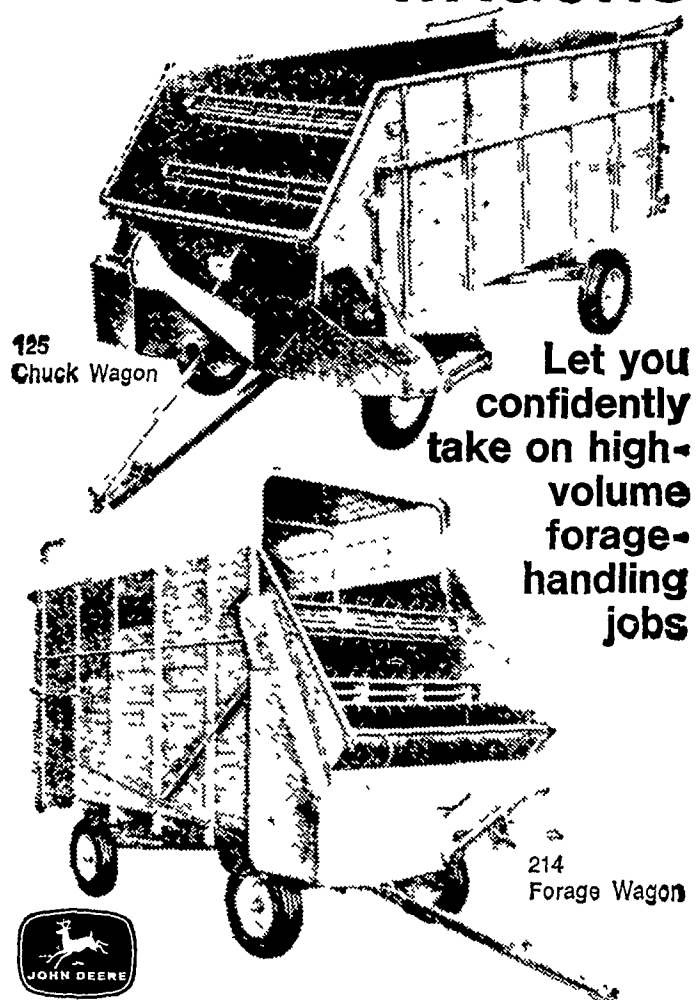
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