

# Health Check-Up Time for Horses

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If there's one time of year when your horse's health needs special professional attention, both corrective and preventive, it's early spring.

The big showing and riding season is just ahead. Naturally, you want your horse in tip-top shape — full of vitality for a standout performance — for showing, racing, trail riding, rodeoing or parading. Even for plain everyday pleasure riding, there's nothing like a healthy horse just bustin' with life and bright-eyed eagerness.

**Your horse is bushed**  
Rugged winter weather is hard on a horse. It saps his energy. Dry grass, low nutrients in hay, sunless days, all contribute to a shortage of essential nutritional elements. In most cases, the horse doesn't get adequate exercise.

Let's face it, right about now, your horse is suffering from stable fatigue or pasture boredom. He's a bit neglected and rundown. Likely he's developed some minor ailments that, if not corrected, will cause you a heap of trouble later. The time to find out is now — not in the middle of your season's activities.

So, before the first warm day of spring, call your veterinarian for a complete head-to-hoof professional Spring Check-up.

**Condition gives clues**  
Just about the first thing your veterinarian is going to look for is general condition. "Lack of condition" may be indicated by a rough, shaggy



A bad tooth may cause inadequate chewing, which could result in digestive upsets — to say nothing of wasted feed, costing as much as \$50

a year. Your veterinarian will check your horse's teeth thoroughly, and provide needed dental care.

coat that doesn't shed properly — dull or watery eyes — sluggish action or lameness — anemia or vitamin deficiencies — poor growth and development.

These tell-tale signs very often are caused by poor nutrition — but they may also very well indicate internal parasites, infections or serious organic ailments. Your veterinarian will make a professional diagnosis. If your horse needs a nutritional boost, he'll most likely recommend a professional conditioner like Clovite to get your horse back in top shape in

minimum time. If there are other problems, he'll outline a sound therapeutic program.

**Worms do big damage**  
Your veterinarian will give special attention to checking for internal parasites. Worms probably do more harm to horses than all other ailments put together. They're often overlooked, because they're an "out of sight" problem. Yet worms can damage the liver, lungs and intestines, cause anemia, colic and

bowel disorders, and rob your horse of pep and staying power.

Taking the country over, you'll seldom find a "clean" horse. At least 9 out of 10 horses are infested at any one time — and usually with up to five major kinds all at once. So effective control of worms calls for constant vigilance, with a regular program based on broad-spectrum professional worming.

Worms are tough  
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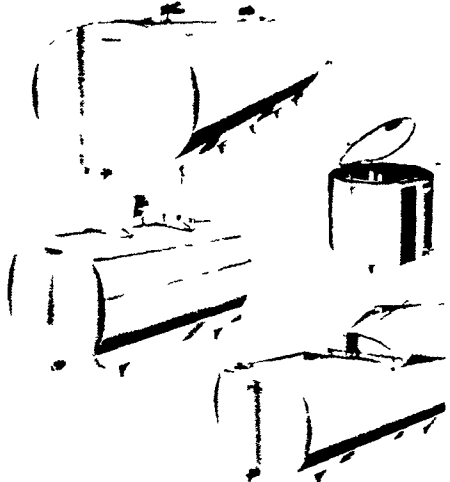
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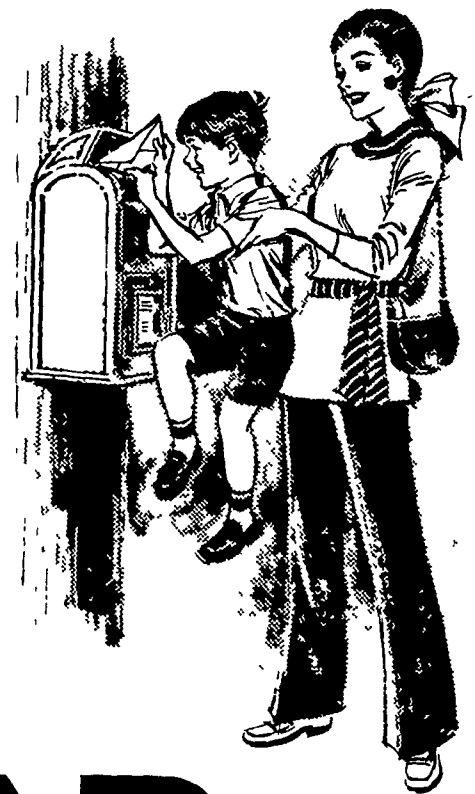
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