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Our new clinic has been open now for three months and it is a wonderful place to work. But there has been some confusion about whether or not we are doing farm calls. Please be assured that we are still driving our trucks up and down the road to see horses.

We are glad to stop by your farm or stable to see your horse, but you now have the option of bringing your horse to us which in many cases allows us to do a better job in near perfect conditions. So pass the word to anyone who may be confused, we are mobile veterinarians who are more than willing to hit the road **and** we are also glad to meet with you in the climate controlled comfort of our clinic and tend your horse's needs in a wonderful environment.

As we get into June it is important that everyone review their records to make sure their horses were vaccinated this spring. Almost without exception all horses should be vaccinated against Tetanus, Eastern and Western Encephalitis (*Sleeping Sickness*), and West Nile Virus at least once a year in the spring or early summer. Many horses will also need a Coggins test and other vaccines depending on their use and traveling plans. It is also strongly recommended that all horses receive a vaccination for Rabies once a year as each year the concern about the disease increases.

We find that the spring is also an excellent time for us to do a wellness exam which evaluates your horse's health, preventive deworming program, nutrition and the general environment your horse lives in. We can often make recommendations that might help prevent problems before they happen. The other important area to review at this time is the health of your horse's mouth. Horses should have their mouths examined and their teeth floated at least once every two years and sometimes more often. During our spring visit we will review your horse's dental history and advise you on what needs to be done and when. So please check your records and remind your friends to do the same because there are some important issues to deal with in the spring and ***no horse should be left behind.***



The following link is to an interesting article on the changing face of the Rabies virus:

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2009/05/090504-rabies-evolution.html>



Referrals are the best form of flattery!

Now that the clinic is in full-swing and our practice and practice area can grow, we need your help to spread the word. When you are at trail rides, shows, county fairs or other horse events please let people know about the new clinic facility and how much you appreciate our services and the healthcare we provide to your horses. As a token of our appreciation we will issue a \$10 credit on your HEHC account for every new client you refer that brings a horse to the clinic or schedules a farm call.

Need Supplies?

As the show and trail-riding season gets underway, whether you're off to the infamous Eminence, MO trail ride or trying to qualify for the World Equestrian Games, many of you may find yourselves in need of supplies to help keep your horses healthy and happy. Heartland Equine prices many of our OTC items, such as dewormer and bandage materials, as well as prescription items, such as **Regumate**, **Legend**, **Adequan** and **Gastrogard** to be competitive with the prices offered in popular catalogs. You can arrange to pick up supplies at the clinic on your way through town or we are happy to mail supplies to you. This saves you the hassle of price-shopping different catalogs, trying to figure out if you qualify for free shipping and wondering if the products you've purchased are fresh, in-date and have been handled, stored and shipped correctly. We need only to have seen your horses within the last year to dispense many items, however, in many cases it may be worth scheduling an initial farm or clinic appointment so that we can examine your horse(s) and recommend the product or products that will be most beneficial to your horse and most cost-effective for you. Remember, just because something worked for your best friend's, sister's, cousin's barrel-racing horse doesn't mean it will work for your dressage horse!

Request from the business office: First, I'd like to say thank you to all of you who have travelled with us through our name, location, and computer software changes. We are feeling much more settled in our new environment, and hope you are comfortable with the changes as well. I would like to ask those of you who use online banking to make payments on your account to take a moment and check the address you have listed for us on your payee account list. Although we will receive your payments either way, payments can be posted to your account more quickly if they come directly to the 6000 Industrial Drive, Curran, IL 62670 address.

- *Cindy*

Have questions or comments? Feel free to phone or email.

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