



# Woodside & Woodside North Equine Clinic

## Equine Health Times

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## Colic Surgery Reimbursement Programs

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### EHV-1 Update

In February one horse in Albermarle county, northwest of Charlottesville, and two horses in Loudoun County were diagnosed with the neurologic form of Equine Herpesvirus-1 (EHV-1). EHV-1 is a highly infectious disease that often causes respiratory disease, but can also cause severe neurologic disease.

The farm in Albermarle County where the EHV-1 positive horse was housed was recently released from quarantine after a 21 day observation period. The two horses from Loudoun are being treated under quarantine at Equine Medical

Colic is one of the most common emergencies that we encounter and colic surgery is one of our most common surgeries. The emotional rollercoaster associated with decision to pursue colic surgery is often mixed with the financial burden associated with the surgery. Colic surgery reimbursement programs along with equine insurance may provide financial peace of mind when trying to make this difficult decision.



Recently Platinum Performance® announced the release of

Center, and the farm where they were housed will be released from quarantine on March 12th.

For more information, please visit the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services website on EHV-1, <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals/ehv.shtml>.

### What has our staff been up to?

Dr. Meg Hammond will be beginning her training in **Equine Chiropractics** this month at Parker University in Dallas, Texas. She will be pursuing certification in veterinary chiropractics and will be offering her services to the Woodside community in the Winter of 2015.

Dr. Claudia True attended the Virginia Veterinary Conference in Roanoke, Virginia, and received the **Mentor of the Year Award!** Congratulations Dr. True!

Dr. Scott Anderson, Leslie Betterton (LVT) and Debbie Holland (Practice Manager) attended the **Veterinary Management Group** meeting in Orlando, Florida, a meeting focused on practice management and the future of the veterinary industry.

Dr. Megan Mathias and Dr. Scott Anderson attended the **Equine Health Symposium at North Carolina State University**, where they attended lectures about business management, ophthalmology and

a program called EQCO Coverage™ ("echo"). This program reimburses owners up to \$10,000 for colic surgery when their horse is enrolled. It's similar to the Colicare™ program that Smartpak offers. The EQCO Coverage™ program horse eligibility requirements include:

- Being 5 months or older
- No history of colic within the past 12 months, chronic colic or history of abdominal surgery

In order to enroll in the program owners need to:

- Complete an application for each horse
- Enroll or be enrolled in a veterinary Wellness Program
- Have each horse on the recommended daily dose of various Platinum Performance® supplements for a minimum amount of time



If the enrolled horse requires colic surgery, the required paperwork is filled out and the reimbursement check is sent directly to the client.

The Colicare™ program reimburses up to \$7,500 and the eligibility requirements are similar:

- Being 5 months (weaned) to 25 years old
- No history of colic within the past 12 months, chronic colic nor previous colic surgery
- Participation in a veterinarian-directed wellness program
- Daily administration of SmartDigest® Ultra in SmartPaks



There are no additional fees associated with either of these programs. If you are thinking of adding a supplement to your

management of conditions of the head and neck.

horse's diet or if your horse is already on a Platinum Performance or Smartpak product, these programs may provide you with the incentive to sign up.

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Please contact us if you are interested in enrolling in our Wellness Program as part of the requirement for either of these programs or to discuss these programs further.

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If you have any questions, please contact *Woodside Equine Clinic* at (804) 798-3281 or *Woodside North Equine Clinic* (540) 423-3100 to speak with a veterinarian or schedule an appointment.

## Blog: Diaries of a Veterinary Intern

# Gastric Ulcer Syndrome and Your Horse

Kara Brown, VMD

**This blog entry will answer some of the most commonly asked questions about gastric ulcers including:**

- What are gastric ulcers?
- What causes gastric ulcers?
- What are the symptoms of gastric ulcers?
- How are gastric ulcers diagnosed?
- How are gastric ulcers treated?
- What is the difference between Ulcergard and Gastrogard?
- What's the difference between a preventative dose and a treatment dose of omeprazole (Gastrogard/Ulcergard?)
- What environmental changes can I make to help my horse with gastric ulcers?



...To read more about Gastric Ulcer Syndrome, please visit [Diaries of a Veterinary Intern](#) at Woodside Equine Clinic's website.

Our practice devotes its charitable giving efforts to the AAEP foundation. The foundation is committed to supporting education, research and benevolent efforts for horses and their caretakers. If you'd like more information or to donate to the Foundation you can visit the website at [AAEP Foundation](#).



**Sincerely,**

Woodside & Woodside North Equine Clinic