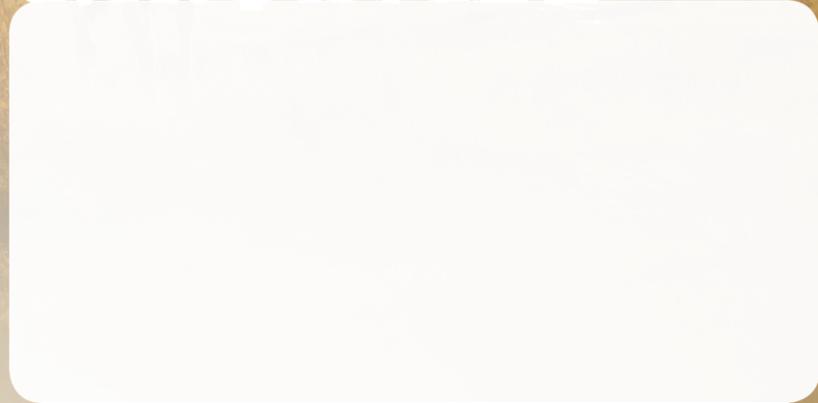


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# Health CHRONICLE



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### Other News

Saturday appointments (in clinic only) are available from 8am – 12pm. Please call the office to schedule.

### Discounted Dentistry:

A 10% discount will be given to all dentistry procedures performed in the hospital. If you would like to organize a dentistry clinic at your barn, you will need a minimum of 5 horses to receive the discount.

### Get on the Circuit:

One day each week, we will be in your area and offering a discounted farm call of \$25. Please call 2 days in advance to schedule your appointment. Circuit day discounts will apply to non-emergency appointments only.

### Case of the Month

Each month, we will be featuring a unique medicine or surgery case on our website. Please visit [www.comstockequine.com](http://www.comstockequine.com) to learn about these interesting cases.

Congratulations to Shelly Myers on passing her veterinary technician board examinations. Shelly graduated in May from TMCC with an associate degree in veterinary technology. Shelly joined the staff following a month long externship in July.

Congratulations to Kristi Ruby on her acceptance into Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Kristi has been a veterinary assistant on our staff for the last 3 years. During that time, she assisted the doctors with patient care and acted as a surgery scrub nurse. We are very proud of her and wish her all the best! 🐾

### Renowned Board Certified Surgeon Joins Comstock Large Animal Hospital. Welcome Dr. Shane Miller!

Dr. Miller is a native of Minden, NV. He received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Washington State University in 1992. Following a year long internship at Littleton Large Animal Hospital Equine Clinic, Dr. Miller completed his equine surgery residency at University of California-Davis in 1996. He subsequently returned to Littleton Large Animal Clinic Equine Hospital in 1997. Dr. Miller became board certified in equine surgery from the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1998. While at Littleton Equine Medical Center, Dr. Miller served as CEO and Chief of Surgery.

Dr. Miller moved to Reno with his wife Kristin and their three children Peyton, Camden, and Landin. Dr. Miller's professional interests lie in soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries with an emphasis in arthroscopy, laparoscopy and fracture repair. He also has a clinical interest in lameness and prepurchase exams. He has written articles in Veterinary Surgery Journal, Equine Veterinary Journal, Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association and many lay journals. Dr. Miller has also presented numerous surgical and lameness topics both nationally and internationally.

Comstock Large Animal Hospital is excited and proud to have this outstanding Nevada native join the practice. 🐾



## Comstock Health Wellness Plans

Get the most value by bundling your preventative services for the year with a discounted package of your choice. These plans were revised to not include the farm call fees in order to lessen the confusion associated with haul-in versus farm visits and multiple horses.

### COMSTOCK PLATINUMCARE PLAN\* (NEW)

**\$61 SAVINGS!** (for horses enrolled on the Pfizer PreventiCare program)

- (2) Semi-annual physical exams (\$40 value)
- Spring vaccinations (\$61 value)
- (Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, West Nile, Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus)
- Fall vaccinations (\$56 value)
- (Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, Strangles IN)
- (2) Equimax oral paste de-worming (\$56 value) at the time of vaccinations
- (1) Full routine dental, including sedation and dental exam (\$215 value)
- (1) 50lb bag of Strongid C2X (\$160 +tax value)
- (2) FREE fecal exams (at the time of vaccinations)
- A \$615 value for \$554 (\$61 savings!)

Plus save 10% off all surgery charges\*\* and 5% off all other services.

### COMSTOCK GOLDCARE PLAN\* (REVISED)

**\$43 SAVINGS!**

- (2) Semi-annual physical exams (\$40 value)
- Spring Vaccinations (\$61 value)
- (Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, West Nile, Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus)
- Fall Vaccinations (\$56 value)
- Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, Strangles IN
- Oral de-worming with ivermectin (\$34 value)
- (1) Full routine dental, including sedation and dental exam (\$215 value)
- (2) Fecal exams (\$24 value) at the time of vaccinations
- A \$430 value for \$387 (\$43 savings!)

PLUS SAVE 5% OFF all other services!

### COMSTOCK SILVERCARE PLAN\* (REVISED)

**\$38 SAVINGS!**

- (2) Semi-annual physical exams (\$40 value)
- Spring Vaccinations (\$61 value)
- Fall Vaccinations (\$56 value)
- (1) Full routine dental, including sedation and dental exam (\$215 value)
- A \$372 value for \$334 (\$38 savings!)

### COMSTOCK BRONZECARE PLAN\* (REVISED)

**\$21 SAVINGS!**

- (1) Annual physical exam (\$20 value)
- Spring vaccinations (\$61 value)
- (Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, West Nile, Eastern and Western Encephalitis, Tetanus)
- (1) Full routine dental, including sedation and dental exam (\$215 value)
- A \$296 value for \$275 (\$21 savings!)

### ADD-ONS FOR ANY OF THE PLANS:

- Sheath cleaning \$20 (\$15 savings) if already sedated for dentistry
- Sheath cleaning \$50 (\$35 savings) if not already sedated for dentistry
- Coggins Test \$25 (\$3 savings)
- Coggins Test with health certificate \$50 (\$15 savings)
- Rabies vaccination \$18 (\$3 savings)
- Oral ivermectin de-worming \$14 (\$3 savings)
- Quest gel de-worming \$22 (\$4 savings)
- Fecal exam \$12 (\$3 savings)
- General health profile \$100 (\$15 savings)
- Podiatry Study \$208 (\$52 savings) lateral and d-p x-rays of front feet

\*These programs non-transferrable and require pre-payment in full prior to the first visit, and are effective for one year from the date of enrollment. Within the effective dates, refunds will be issued based on non-discounted fees and will include a \$25 refund charge.

\*\* The 10% discount will only apply to surgery services not covered by the PreventiCare assistance plan.

## Preventing Winter Colic

Elisabeth M. Lau DVM.

Impaction colic is one of the most common types of colic that affects horses during the winter months. During colder weather, horses tend to consume less water. This can lead to drier digestive material that is not as easily moved through the horse's digestive tract and causes the bowels to become impacted. By following the tips below, you can help reduce the risk of impaction and other types of colic that may affect your horse this winter.

- Provide clean, fresh nonfrozen water for your horse at all times. If using a tank heater, be sure it is plugged into a working GFCI outlet to ensure that your horse is not being exposed to potential shock.
- Feed bran mashes during temperature changes (especially in the fall and spring) to ensure your horse is receiving adequate water in its diet. Adding 1-2 tablespoons of salt to this mash will also help increase your horse's thirst and lead to increased water consumption.
- Feed a good quality hay. Poor quality roughages can be difficult to digest and lead to potential impactions.
- During extreme colds, feed more hay, not concentrates, to help generate body heat. Increased concentrates can change a horse's natural gut flora. This can lead to poor digestion, colic, and even laminitis.
- Maintain a good sand prevention program. Feed your horse off the ground (in a trough or on a clean rubber mat) and use a psyllium product either one week per month or one day each week.
- Poor dentition can cause your horse to have difficulty chewing. Be sure to have your horse's teeth checked and floated regularly by your veterinarian.
- Maintain a good deworming schedule. Cold weather can stimulate small strongyle larvae to release from the intestinal wall. This event causes inflammation that changes gut motility and leads to severe colic. Deworming with Panacur (fenbendazole), a larvicidal dewormer, after the first frost is strongly recommended to kill the encysted strongyle larvae.
- Provide regular exercise or turnouts. Regular body movement helps promote normal digestion and prevent potential impaction. 🐾

### MEDCHOICE:

Medchoice is a new credit plan we are offering to help you finance your veterinary expenses. This program features quick application decisions, a revolving account for easy reuse, no prepayment penalties, and on-line account management to track and budget your veterinary expenses all with payments as low as \$20/month. Please stop by the office and fill out an application.

### HOME DELIVERY NOW AVAILABLE!

#### VETSOURCE:

Visit comstockequine.com and click on the VetSource link to shop our on-line pharmacy.

#### PHARMLINK:

PharmLink is a new service for ordering pharmaceuticals and supplies through our office and having them shipped directly to your address. Please call the office if you would like us to register you as a PharmLink customer. (limited by minimum quantities)

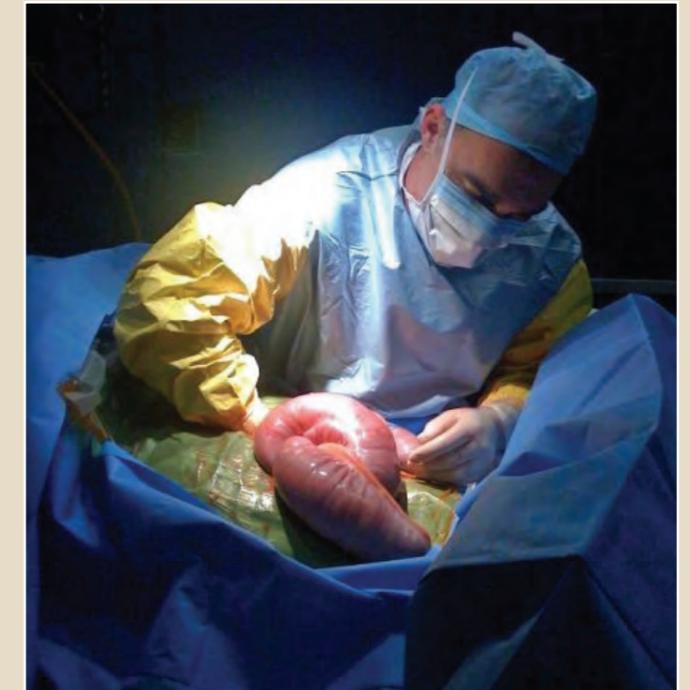


## FALL VACCINE CLINIC SCHEDULE

Area/Location	Day	Vacc Date
Washoe Valley	Tues	15-Sep
Washoe Valley	Sat	26-Sep
Washoe Valley	Wed	30-Sep
Washoe Valley	Tues	6-Oct
Washoe Valley	Sat	31-Oct
SW Reno	Wed	16-Sep
SW Reno	Thurs	24-Sep
SW Reno	Thurs	1-Oct
SW Reno	Sat	10-Oct
SW Reno	Tues	13-Oct
Spanish Springs	Wed	16-Sep
Spanish Springs	Tues	29-Sep
Spanish Springs	Sat	3-Oct
Spanish Springs	Thurs	15-Oct
Lemmon Valley	Tues	15-Sep
Lemmon Valley	Wed	30-Sep
Lemmon Valley	Sat	24-Oct
Mt Rose/Pleasant Valley	Thurs	17-Sep
Mt Rose/Pleasant Valley	Tues	29-Sep
Mt Rose/Pleasant Valley	Wed	14-Oct
West Reno/Verdi	Thurs	17-Sep
West Reno/Verdi	Wed	7-Oct
Golden/Sun Valley	Wed	23-Sep
Golden/Sun Valley	Thurs	8-Oct
Palomino Valley	Thurs	24-Sep
Palomino Valley	Tues	6-Oct
North Valleys	Tues	22-Sep
North Valleys	Thurs	1-Oct
North Valleys	Tues	13-Oct
Toll Rd/Virginia Hglds.	Tues	22-Sep
Toll Rd/Virginia Hglds.	Wed	7-Oct
Carson/Dayton	Wed	23-Sep
Carson/Dayton	Thurs	8-Oct

## COMSTOCK FUN FACTS

- Currently treat 7,569 Patients
- 83% of those patients are equine
- 26% of those equine patients are Quarter Horses
- 38% are less than the age of 10 years old.
- 41% are between the ages of 10 -20 years old.
- 17% are between the ages of 20-30 years old.
- 2% are over the age of 30 years old.
- 42 years and 4 months – age of oldest active patient
- Top 5 Most Common Patient Names: *Lady, Star, Buddy, Red, Jack*



### PRICE LIST

Farm Call	\$15.00
Physical/Wellness Exam	\$20.00
PreventiCare Exam	\$30.00
PreventiCare Enrollment	\$45.00
West Nile Innovator	\$30.00
West Nile + EWT	\$35.00
Rhino-Influenza	\$26.00
Strangles I.N.	\$30.00
Deworm (Ivermectin/Equell)	\$17.00
Deworm (Foal/Mini)	\$14.00
Coggins	\$28.00
Clean Sheath	\$45.00
Sedation...Starts At...	\$45.00
Health Certificate	\$37.00
Additional on H.C.	\$12.00