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Beckett & Associates Announcements



Calling All Horses: Join us for our Spring Haul In Days!

This April, Beckett & Associates will be offering its first ever series of haul-in clinics. Join our Doctors on both Saturday April 3rd & 10th for vaccines, teeth floating, sheath cleanings, Coggins testing & more! Save yourself the farm call & receive an additional 5% off all services performed on that day.

Dates: April 3rd & 10th

Time: 8:30am – 1 pm

Location:

Beckett & Associates Veterinary Services, LLC
1269 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

If you can't make either date but still need to get your horses spring vaccines & annual preventative care exam, don't forget to call our office in advance to schedule a time that is convenient for you. We can even send your barn a sign up sheet for scheduling ease. Save some extra money by getting others at your barn to split the costs of the farm call!



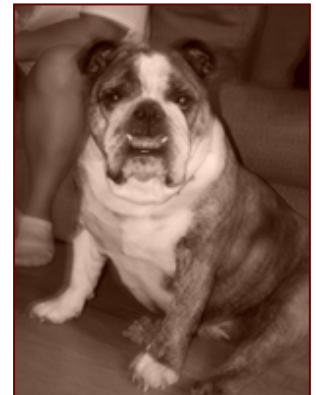
Beckett & Associates Veterinary Services, LLC online pet store allows you to buy all your pet supplies instantly and at your own convenience. We offer everything from pet health products, to toys and treats.

No time to go to the pet store, that's okay [Order Online](#) and have your pet supplies delivered to your home.

Recent Connecticut Parvovirus Outbreak

Some shelter dogs in Southern Connecticut have had recently contracted Parvovirus. In the last two weeks, two area shelters have gone into an emergency quarantine -- one in Stratford and one in Fairfield. Vaccines work in prevention, but must be kept up to date at all times. Puppies are most severely affected, by Parvovirus. The disease can cause death due to the blood loss from bloody diarrhea. While we have not yet seen an upswing in cases in Central Connecticut, the shelter animals can move all over the state quickly, and any infected stool on the ground will remain infective for a short while with our rain and cold weather (a few weeks). That means any dog sniffing or licking something off that infected soil is potentially at risk of being infected.

Be sure your pooch is up to date on his DAP vaccine – and protected against Parvovirus - today by [emailing](#) us or calling our office!



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A Note From Beckett & Associates

Glastonbury, CT 06033

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

24-hour Large Animal
Emergency Coverage



Pet Angels provides animal lovers a direct link to local rescues in Connecticut. Our Pet Lost & Found allows users to search for their lost pet or post a found animal. Visitors can also put up their animals for adoption.

Pet Angels was created by Beckett and Associates Veterinary Services, LLC and is a free service to those looking to adopt or rescue their next – or first – pet.

Visit [Pet Angels](#) to find out more

Just a few weeks ago, our groomer, Deb Arbucci, was involved in a terrible car accident that has left her hospitalized. She has a long road of recovery ahead of her and all of the staff at B & A wants to wish her the best of luck and offer her all of the support we can. In the meantime, her good friend & grooming partner, Judy, will be helping us out & keeping those fuzzy & furry critters looking grand!

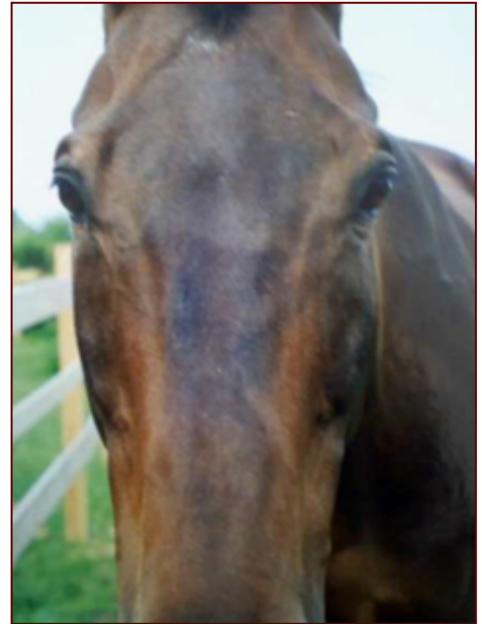
What is a Coggins Test and why does my horse need it?

Each year, horse owners have a "Coggins Test" performed on their horse, where the veterinarian will take a blood sample and draw any distinguishable markings on a piece of paper. A couple of weeks later, a copy of the form will arrive in the mail and this paper is expected to travel to & from every horse show, trail ride and boarding stable with the horse. Many of you are probably still left wondering just what a Coggins test is.

A Coggins Test determines if your horse has Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). This disease is a virus that stimulates the immune system to destroy red blood cells, resulting in anemia. In turn, the major vital organs of your equine will become damaged & secondary infections will begin to develop. Treatment for a horse infected with EIA consists of supportive care & treatment of any secondary infections.

EIA is spread via bloodsucking insects, contaminated equipment and needles, or across the placenta from a pregnant mare to foal. Because there is no vaccine against EIA, most boarding facilities, horse shows & sale facilities require an up to date & negative Coggins for all horses on the premises. The USDA has worked hard to regulate the spread of EIA in recent years, requiring a current Coggins for any Health Certificate issued for travel & requiring euthanasia or very strict lifelong quarantine for any horse testing positive for EIA.

To learn more about EIA or to schedule your horse to have his or her annual Coggins Test performed, please call our office or [email](#) us!



Getting your horse back in shape this spring...

So your horse has had the winter off to lounge in the paddock. Now the days are growing warmer and the sun is rising sooner, and you're thinking it's time to get back to work. Just like any other athlete, your horse will need a planned and consistent exercise program to safely get back to his/her competition fitness level. Even if your horse is not one of those athletes who are destined for the upper levels of dressage or the long hours of endurance, he/she will still need to have some form of physical fitness in order to successfully and soundly complete the long weekend trail ride. There are many techniques and recommendations out there, but the key to a sound, fit horse is similar to that of a fit person: the program starts slowly and incorporates both cardiovascular and strength training.

As the shedding begins, a good grooming session to loosen up both the dirt and the horse's muscles is in order. I like to start my horses off with 20 - 30 minutes of flat work in the ring. The ring work can consist of walking for about 10 minutes, then a 5 minute trot session where they are moving out in front of my leg, then another 2 minute walk break followed by another 5 minute trot session and a nice

long cool down. Depending on the horse, I may incorporate some canter that first day or I may not. As we all know, horses and people alike can get bored in the ring. I consistently try to get my guys out on the trails at least twice a week to stimulate their minds and offer them some changing terrain. If time and daylight allows, I try to take my horses out on the trail for a short 30-minute walk incorporating hill work to strengthen the muscles of their hind ends and backs. Walking uphill is much more difficult than trotting or cantering, so those slow climbs are really the best. If hill work is not available, then I will lay some ground poles in the ring or take the horses out on the trail and ask them to step over logs in the woods. All of these exercises are great for increasing the strength of the muscles that control a horse's stifle.

As your horse's fitness level increases, you will be able to slowly increase the length of the trotting sessions and add canter sessions to the workout. Your horse's breathing rate and heart rate should all return to normal more quickly as his/her fitness increases. Just remember to take it slow in the beginning and you should have a happy, healthy horse that is ready to head out on any adventure by late spring!

To learn more about getting your horse into shape, please call our office or [email](#) us!



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