









HIDDEN COSTS OF INFECTIOUS RESPIRATORY DISEASE

Equine respiratory diseases are costly to treat, and a hidden consequence may also make horses more susceptible to inflammatory airway disease (IAD), or equine asthma.

COST OF EQUINE INFLUENZA	COST OF STRANGLES	COST OF VACCINATION
<p>Medical treatment</p> <p> \$500</p> <p>+</p> <p>Diagnostic testing</p> <p> \$225</p> <p>+</p> <p>Loss of training time for up to 3 weeks</p> <p> \$1,500</p>	<p>Medical treatment</p> <p> \$500</p> <p>+</p> <p>Diagnostic testing and monitoring</p> <p> \$400</p> <p>+</p> <p>Loss of training time + quarantine</p> <p> \$1,500</p>	<p>SPRING E/W Sleeping Sickness, West Nile, Tetanus, Influenza, Rhino, Rabies</p> <p> \$75-\$100</p> <p>+</p> <p>FALL Influenza, Rhino, Strangles</p> <p> \$50-\$75</p>
<p>Total: \$2,250*</p>	<p>Total: \$2,400*</p>	<p>Total: \$125-\$175*</p>

*These costs are only estimates and may vary.

RULE OF THUMB:

For every day a horse has a fever of **101° OR MORE**, it needs **1 WEEK** of rest.¹



Horses with IAD or equine asthma can show poor performance:

Reduced stamina during training



Longer recovery after workouts



¹Merck Veterinary Manual. Hidden Costs of Infectious Respiratory Disease. Available at: <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/respiratory-system/respiratory-diseases-of-horses/equine-herpesvirus-infection>. Accessed Dec. 13, 2016. ©2016 Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. EQU-0060-GEN1216