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Geriatric and Performance Horse Wellness Programs

Geriatric Horse Wellness Program

New in 2013, we are offering a *Geriatric Horse Wellness Program* to promote a longer and healthier life for our older horses. As our horses grow older, their health care needs begin to change. Endocrine disorders such as Cushing's Disease (Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction, PPID), dental abnormalities, challenges in maintaining appropriate body condition, as well as disorders of the digestive, respiratory, musculoskeletal and ophthalmic systems become more prevalent. An annual comprehensive geriatric horse physical exam and specific laboratory tests can help us to detect abnormal conditions early and develop treatment and management recommendations.



Kim Hawkin's "Ginger" at 37 years old

Performance Horse Wellness Program

Also in 2013, we have developed a *Performance Horse Wellness Program* to help you keep your equine athlete in peak form. Chances are, you had a thorough veterinary examination of your horse before you decided to purchase your equine athlete. A comprehensive performance horse examination can help to establish baseline information about your horse's current condition improving our ability to detect and assess changes in performance early, before expensive treatments and long rehabilitations become more likely. Periodic evaluation of the musculoskeletal system at rest and in motion, objective computerized gait analysis using the Lameness Locator®, neurological assessment, and specific laboratory tests can help to successfully achieve your performance goals.



Debby Lynn and "Sadie" getting ready to foxhunt

Damascus Equine Associates is hosting a seminar on **Care and Maintenance of Geriatric Horses** with Mark V. Crisman, DVM, MS, Diplomate, ACVIM, Equine Veterinary Services Pfizer Animal Health, Adjunct Professor; VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine on **November 14, 2012 from 6:30-8:30pm**.

Topics will include dentistry, neoplasia, musculoskeletal issues, Cushings, Equine Metabolic Syndrome and more!
Admission is FREE but seating is limited! RSVP today to damascusequine@gmail.com.