

# **MANAGEMENT OF THE PREGNANT MARE AND GROWING HORSE**

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## **Week One – Embryology**

- I. The developing fetus.
- II. Causes of early and late pregnancy loss.

## **Week Two – Early Pregnancy Care**

- I. Feeding
- II. Exercise
- III. Deworming
- IV. Vaccinations and drugs

## **Week Three – Late Pregnancy Care**

- I. Feeding
- II. Exercise
- III. Deworming
- IV. Vaccinations and drugs
- V. Complications

## **Week Four – Early Lactation**

- I. Feeding
- II. Exercise
- III. Deworming
- IV. Vaccinations

## **Week Five – Care of the Young Foal**

- I. Foaling
- II. Handling
- III. Hoof and limb issues
- IV. Infectious diseases
- V. Parasite issues

## **Week Six – Late Lactation**

- I. Feeding
- II. Should you creep feed?
- III. Weaning options

### **Week Seven – The Weanling**

- I. Weanling diet
- II. Early versus late castration
- III. Exercise
- IV. Finalizing vaccinations

### **Week Eight – 12 months to 24 months**

- I. Changing diet needs
- II. Sales prep

### **Week Nine – Transitioning to Adult Diet**

- I. Adjusting for slower growth
- II. Skeleton still immature
- III. Demands of exercise

### **Week Ten – Exercise and the Young Horse**

- I. Pros and cons of early formal exercise
- II. Riding and driving
- III. Warning signs