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Re: Haven Horsemanship Evaluation

I have served as primary equine veterinarian for the horses under the care of Ari Krause, owner and manager of Haven Horsemanship, for the past 11 years. Ari practices a carefully monitored, extremely well executed system of socially oriented management for horses. From a veterinary perspective, excellent health care is reflected by the following mandatory practices for all horses at her facility:

- 1) Physical exams every 6 months
- 2) Routine vaccination and deworming/fecal parasite exam every 6 months
- 3) Annual dentistry.

Ari's group management and feeding strategy includes free choice, high quality grass hay plus individual daily ration balancer for horses living in a social group setting with low stocking density. Ari is present and interacting with the horses daily, and provides individual additional nutritional supplementation where needed. This management has consistently achieved her goal of horses all in excellent body condition (BCS average 6) with no outliers, and exceptionally low incidence of injury or illness, including colic.

All horses at Haven Horsemanship live in a single large group, and are unshod. They interact with each other in a natural herd setting, with additional training provided to enhance human-horse communication.

Haven Horsemanship is an excellent example of a successful, socially oriented management system that provides outstanding mental and physical well-being for the horses living there.