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Horse Owners Urged to Attend Free Information Seminar on Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) in Saskatoon

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. and the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan are teaming up to present an equine herpes virus information seminar on Thursday, April 10, in Saskatoon, Sask.

A recent outbreak of equine herpes virus type 1 (EHV-1) in the Saskatoon area has caused concern for people involved in Saskatchewan's horse industry. Organizers have developed the free, two-hour evening session to provide horse enthusiasts with the facts about the contagious virus and its potential for causing disease in horses.

"Knowledge and public awareness are two of the most effective tools in controlling the spread of equine herpes virus among horses," says Dr. Hugh Townsend, an infectious disease specialist at WCVM who will speak at the event. "This seminar will give people the information they need to minimize the risk of infection on their farms and acreages."

"The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan and the Western College of Veterinary Medicine regularly work together to keep the livestock industry well informed about the latest animal health issues. The EHV information seminar is just one more example of this valuable partnership in action," says Adele Buettner, executive director of FACS.

For updated information about the recent EHV outbreak in the Saskatoon area, please visit www.wcvm.com/collegenews or www.ehrf.usask.ca.

Time, date and location of information seminar:

Thursday April 10, 2008
Diefenbaker Room, Ramada Hotel
806 Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon, SK
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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