

**UPDATE! 1/27/12**

## OHC Strangles Update

The one horse confirmed with Strangles at Oregon Horse Center is nearing the end of their quarantine period. The second horse displaying symptoms is on the same side of Barn A and we are waiting the results of the test. The containment has been limited to the West side of Barn A only. Only one aisle way has been affected and no other part of the facility should be at risk.

Oregon Horse Center staff has been working closely with four veterinarians during this and are very comfortable with the control and management plan that has been put into place. The West aisle of Barn A is still under close supervision and those horses are being kept separate from others. They have not been allowed in any part of the facility except the round pen by their barn since quarantine. In addition the west aisle will be completely scrubbed and disinfected as soon as we are given the go ahead from the vets.

Oregon Horse Center is taking every precaution possible. We have no reason to believe that Barns B and C or the show facility have been contaminated in any manner. We will continue to monitor all the horses in our facility daily and do everything in our power to prevent this bacterium from spreading. The veterinarians have been consulted at every step of this process and we are doing everything that they have instructed.

Oregon Horse Center is a busy facility housing 150 horses permanently and providing stalls for around 200 horses per event. Keeping our facility healthy is a high priority and we have not taken this Strangles case lightly. We have been very careful over the past 10 years and are fortunate to have not had anything affect our facility prior to this event.

If any one has any concerns we invite you to call our office at 541-689-9700 or the Del Oeste Vet Clinic at 541-689-0205. Our goal is that everyone feel safe when they bring their animals to our facility and we are taking every precaution to provide a healthy, safe environment.