

Yearling Sales Preparation Memo

Enclosed you will find a suggested yearling preparation schedule. We hope it assists you in the months leading up to the sale. The procedures may vary as your conditions and the individual horses warrant. Please use this schedule in any way that may benefit your own sales preparation program. We encourage all clients to have videos completed before the sale. We typically do them 4 weeks prior to the sale. We can provide suggested video companies if needed. The blacksmith schedule is most important. It is timed to allow the final re-shoeing/trim 2 to 5 days before the yearlings arrive at the sales grounds.

We strongly suggest you consider the following highlights from the prep schedule:

1. Please follow the blacksmith schedule, as timing is important for maximum foot growth. A good foot is imperative!
2. Administer Flu-avert (internasal) 1 week prior to shipping to boost immunity.
3. We have found it to be beneficial to start fillies on Regumate at least 1 weeks prior to shipping and we will continue to dose them while on the sale grounds. This is particularly pertinent to those fillies you have witnessed cycling.
4. Even if you use alternate forms of exercise (walking machine, round pen, swimming, etc.) hand walking, ground manners, and setting up are critical and should comprise a minimum of 50% of the exercise. Please see the attached page for an example of a properly set up horse.

The manner in which a yearling walks is still very important to most buyers. We are inclined to believe buyers prefer a yearling with a gait that is free and deliberate. Those that drag from lack of schooling and/or fitness may be virtually eliminated by many buyers. We suggest every effort be made to teach your yearlings to walk and stand well. The method for doing this is up to you. However, we hand walk the average yearling every day, in addition to using the walking machine: ALL DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL. We encourage them to walk as briskly as possible. Each yearling is an individual and some may require more or less work than others. Whichever technique you use, we encourage you to observe each yearling closely and adjust your program to the individual. We remain available to assist you as much as you needed.



Yearling set up when buyer is looking from the side.



Yearling square when buyer is looking from the front.

Yearling Sales Prep Suggested Guidelines

3 Months prior to sale

- Separate colts if needed or possible
 - Have your veterinarian check eyes and testicles
- If your yearling is a hard keeper we suggest starting now with any supplements

2 Months prior to sale

- Start leading yearlings in and out of paddocks using chifney bits
- Start grooming daily
- Start exercise regimen if needed

30 Days prior to sale

- Coggins must be taken no earlier than 30 days before

1 Month prior to sale

- Videos should be completed
 - Yearlings should be shod 3-5 days prior to videos
- Groom at least 45 minutes a day
- Deworm with Quest Plus
- Check with your veterinarian regarding vaccinations required for sale

1 Week prior to sale

- Administer Flu-Advert
- Start fillies on Regumate
- Trim bridle paths and ears
- Shoe yearlings no more than 1 week before sale

SALE

- All yearlings must have a health certificate issued prior to shipping
- Please contact us when the yearlings have left for the sales grounds