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Foaling Schedule and Newborn Foal Guideline

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- I. Prenatal: *Preparations before and leading up to foaling*
 - A. **2 months in advance . . .**
 1. remove mares from fescue pasture and hay
 2. vaccinate to booster immunity if not already done according to reminders
 3. evaluate body condition; start feeding a **minimum** of 4 lbs. of grain
 - B. **1 month in advance . . .**
 1. administer vitamin E and selenium,
 2. vaccinate with tetanus toxoid if not already done according to reminders,
 3. check for Caslick's surgery,
 4. Review breeding/due dates.
 - C. **2 weeks in advance . . .**
 1. examine udder for filling,
 2. **For 1st time foaling (maiden) mares:**
 - a. massage udder with vitamin E oil, Bag Balm or Vaseline to prepare for the feel of nursing, clean between teats,
 - b. **if no activity in udder:**
 - (1) CALL US IMMEDIATELY!
 - (2) start on Domperidone
 3. inventory foaling supplies:
 - a. antibiotic/iron/vitamins A, D, and E injection
 - b. tetanus antitoxin
 - c. enema,
 - d. iodine solution/soap,
 - e. Ivermectin base dewormer,
 - f. bucket/towels/gloves,
 - g. tail wrap
 - h. choose a birthing center (inside/outside?)
 4. Review imprinting procedures,
 5. review foaling video
 - D. **1 week in advance . . .**
 1. examine the udder on "experienced" mares (those foaling for the second time, or more)
 - a. **If no udder activity** for experienced mares, **CALL US IMMEDIATELY!**
 - b. start on Domperidone
 2. review **"2 weeks in advance . . ."** section above