

Protect your horses... California became the focus for West Nile Virus (WNV) in 2004 with 540 confirmed clinical equine cases. Over 40% of clinically affected horses died or were euthanized. In 2004 WNV was detected in all California counties. Shown here is the second sheet of a flyer sent to all horse organization and reproduced here for your information. It has all of the phone numbers you'll need for information, and some mosquito control hints also.



Important Phone Numbers

Mosquito Control

You can decrease the chances of your horse being exposed to WNV by minimizing their exposure to mosquitoes, especially during the peak mosquito feeding period which is dusk to dawn. Applying mosquito repellent also effectively reduces the number of mosquito bites.

Additionally, mosquito breeding sites should be eliminated. Methods for eliminating mosquito-breeding sites include:

- Drain unnecessary standing water;
- Clean water containers: bird baths, plant saucers, etc., at least weekly
- Schedule pasture irrigation to minimize standing water
- Keep swimming pools optimally chlorinated and drain water from covers
- Stock water tanks with fish that consume mosquito larvae (local mosquito control may provide assistance), or use mosquito "dunk" available at hardware stores



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Headquarters	(916) 654-1447
Redding District	(530) 225-2140
Modesto District	(209) 491-9950
Tulare District	(559) 685-3500
Ontario District	(909) 947-4462

CDFA Equine West Nile Information
1-800-268-7378

**California Animal Health and Food Safety
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Davis	(530) 752-8700
Fresno	(559) 498-7740
Tulare	(559) 688-7543
San Bernardino	(909) 383-4287

California West Nile Virus Hotline
1877-WNV-BIRD
www.westnile.ca.gov

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