

108.2 Vaccines

Vaccines are administered when a donkey arrives into the PVDR system. A booster dose is given three weeks later (or when the donkey clears quarantine). Annual boosters are given every 12 months.

The preferred product is a combination vaccine containing: Influenza, Rhino and Tetanus. Vaccines must be refrigerated upon arrival. Heat will kill the vaccine and render it useless. Only take the amount of product that you will use that day. Keep extra vaccine in an ice chest during the vaccination process.

Vaccines are given in the neck. It is important to aspirate the syringe to ensure that you are in the muscle and not in a blood vessel. Vaccines are given using a 3 cc syringe and a 1" 24 gauge needle.

Use a new needle and syringe for each donkey. Dispose of needles in an appropriate sharps container.

All incoming, outgoing and adoptable donkeys are given the 7-way vaccine. All residents are given annual Tetanus Toxoid vaccines and jacks under going castration must be given Tetanus Antitoxin on the day of the procedure.

The rabies vaccine is to be administered to all sanctuary bound donkeys and boosted annually. Also, any donkeys traveling to states where rabies vaccine is required by law shall also be vaccinated. Under careful study by our veterinarian, we will be not giving rabies vaccine to the donkeys on the San Angelo Facility. As we have never had an issue, rabies is not prevalent in our area, the vet has determined that it would be a waste of resources.

This policy is to be reviewed annually.