

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Veterinary.

ABORTION.

Mare, due to foal in June, aborted twins on March 15th. One was dead and the other died in a few minutes. What was the cause? H. T.

Ans.—It is impossible for me to give the cause of your mare's abortion. So many things may cause the accident—as fright, foul odor, kicks, blows, slips, falls, being caught in doorways, or other places, different diseases, drinking impure water, eating impure food, exposure, sudden changes in the weather, etc. These and other causes operate in some cases, and no person but he who knows all the circumstances in your case can suggest a cause. Abortion, without known cause, occurs in all classes of animals. V.

SEVERED TENDON.

Filly had one of her tendons severed above the fetlock. It is healing nicely, but the leg remains weak. A. G.

Ans.—It requires a long time, at least six months, in many cases longer, for an animal to recover from severed tendon. The tendon never really reunites, but a material is thrown out which practically unites the ends of the severed tendon, but always leaves a permanent thickening, which cannot be removed. The patient gradually, but slowly, regains strength, and usually in a few months will be as serviceable as ever, but will in most cases have slightly faulty action, and a thickened tendon. When the accident occurs, recovery is hastened by placing the patient in slings and applying splints to keep the leg quiet and prevent descent of the fetlock pad when weight is put upon the leg. When the case has reached the stage that yours has, nothing can be done more than keeping the wound clean and giving nature a chance. V.

INFLUENZA.

Mare, due to foal in June, was in the stable for two weeks on account of a cut foot. All at once she refused to eat and drink; had a slight cough, but no nasal discharge. She became stiff, and when forced to move acted like a horse with stringhalt. She eats a little better now, but eyes are very dull and she is still stiff and purges when driven. D. G. McK.

Ans.—The mare had an attack of influenza, and is still in a critical condition. Give her rest in a comfortable box stall. Hold her head, three times daily, over a pot of boiling water with a dram of carbolic acid in it, and give a good steaming. Allow her reasonable quantities of anything she will eat. Feed often, and a little at a time. Give her thirty grains quinine three times daily. Hand rub and bandage her legs. If she does not improve in a week, call your veterinarian in, as this disease is liable to many complications, which must be treated according to symptoms. V.

CHRONIC LAMENESS, ETC.

1. Fifteen-year-old horse has been lame in front for two years, and does not like to travel. He rests one foot, then the other, and stands with hind feet well forward to take weight. He is also run down, dry in hair, and foul in sheath.

2. Eleven-year-old horse has poor appetite; urine is thick, and bowels loose.

3. Give prescription to prevent horses becoming foul in their sheaths and thick in urine. T. G. M.

Ans.—1. This horse doubtless has confirmed navicular disease and cannot be cured. Long rest and repeatedly blistering around the coronet in the ordinary manner of blistering will tend to mitigate the symptoms. If you cannot give rest, use bar shoes, and poultice when in the stable. An operation called neurotomy will remove the lameness; but it is not probable he would last more than a few months afterwards, so unless he is practically useless, it would not be well to operate. Cleanse his sheath out with warm water and soap, and apply a little sweet oil.

2. His teeth require dressing; get your veterinarian to attend to this. Then give one dram each sulphate of iron and gentian three times daily. To clear the urine, give four drams nitrate of potash every night for three doses.

3. You cannot prevent this, when necessary wash out. If the urine becomes thick treat as stated in question 2. V.



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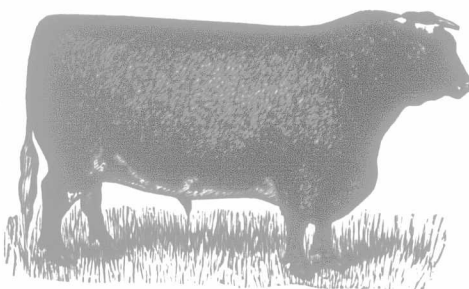
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