

Lyme Disease in North American Horses

***Borrelia burgdorferi* Infection and Lyme Disease in North American Horses: A Consensus Statement**, was published by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM). This Consensus statement provides the veterinary community with up-to-date information on the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment of this clinically important animal disease.



To date, equine veterinarians have relied heavily on published information on both human and canine Lyme disease in order to have a minimal understanding of Lyme disease in horses. The authors state that additional studies are needed to determine the morbidity in horses infected with *B. burgdorferi* and to identify the clinical signs specifically associated with Lyme disease in equines.

The Consensus Statement indicates that because horses, dogs, and humans face exposure to the same tick species *Borrelia spp.* pathogens, that continued seroprevalence studies in horses and dogs will likely be a good predictor of future infection surveillance maps of Lyme disease in humans.

Read the full Consensus Statement here.

Watch Lyme disease in horses – Cornell Vet Equine Seminar Series, October 2020 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUY6RsPvz08>

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