

Veterinary report
Litchfield Corrals
Aug. 21, 2010

I observed 9 studs, eight mares and 4 colts unloaded and worked through the facility at Litchfield. This was the North Observation group trapped today. These horses were all in good body condition.

A dominant stud, a fighter, was held separately while working through the alley and chute. A large buckskin came in with a fresh bite mark on her neck. A bay stud colt (+ - 4 months old) was noticed at the trap site with a slight head tilt and a red X marked (and was noted) for further observation. After vaccination and worming, the same colt was let back into the alley to see if he would pair up with his mom. As he left the chute area he had the same slight head tilt and slight hypermetric gait. A recommendation to identify his mother and to pen the pair for observation was made. This colt may have been jostled at the trap site, but his signs may have also been due to "wobbler syndrome." Followup by Dr. Rich Meinert.

The Litchfield Staff has no concerns with the South Observation horses brought in this morning. I observed them at the trap site and all appeared to be in good body condition and had been moved to the trap without incident.

In summary, all horses had been handled with care. Followup in next few days by the contract vet for the foal with head tilt.

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