

AFAC News Line # 5 – Important tips to reduce stress when weaning foals – Darrell Dalton –
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Audio 1 (18 seconds)

“We know that a mare’s milk is no longer adequate to sustain a foal after 4 months of age so we would like to see foals weaned by 4 months of age. When we go to wean these foals it’s also nice if we can have them on some sort of a creep ration prior to weaning and then it’s not such a sudden change for them at the time of weaning.”

Audio 2 (14 seconds)

“ Certainly we’ve noticed that if we can wean foals in groups of 2 or more it’s a lot less stressful for the foals than if we were to just individually wean each animal and then leave them on their own so certainly it is better for the foals if we can wean them in groups.”

Audio 3 (15 seconds)

“We know that most foals are not able to respond to vaccination prior to 4 months of age so that weaning is a good time to talk to your veterinarian about vaccination, whether they want to get the vaccinations in prior to weaning or after but that will be each individual veterinarian’s choice.”