



Press Release on Equine Flu **08/02/2019**

Please can we ask all clients coming to Kelsall Hill to use the facilities for lessons, clinics or competitions to present a passport to provide proof of vaccination before entering the car park. If your horse hasn't been vaccinated within the last year you will not be able to enter the centre. There will be no admittance for horses who have been vaccinated within the last 7 days.

We are monitoring the advice being given by the British Equestrian Federation about the current Equine Influenza outbreak.

All advice is that it is safe to continue to travel to competitions, providing all horses are vaccinated and sensible disease avoidance precautions are taken.

We will continue to monitor the situation and update if necessary. We are terribly sorry for any inconvenience however we will not be bending any of the rules in this circumstance.

BEF advise horse owners after Equine Flu outbreak

In the meantime, we recommend that all owners follow the guidelines below as a precaution and ensure that all vaccinations are fully up to date.

If your horse is currently vaccinated, we recommend a booster if it has been longer than six months since your horse's last vaccination.

Actions for owners to take:

- It's crucial for all horse and pony owners to be vigilant and follow recommended guidelines on how to detect and prevent the spread of this infectious disease.
- Look out for signs of disease which can include high temperature, cough, snotty nose, enlarged glands (under the lower jaw), swollen or sore eyes, depression, loss of appetite and swelling in the lower legs.
- If you see any of these signs, isolate the horse and call your vet immediately.
- It's essential that any horses showing signs of possible equine flu, or horses that might have been in contact with possibly infected horses, do not travel to competitions or other events where there will be groups of horses. If your horse has been in contact with an infected horse we suggest that you should take veterinary advice.
- We advise that horses are vaccinated with a booster for equine flu with a vaccine that contains the Florida Clade 1. There are two such vaccines currently licensed in the UK, ProteqFlu and Equilis Prequenza. If your horse is currently vaccinated, but it has been longer than six months since the last vaccination, we recommend that you discuss a booster with your veterinary surgeon.

The BEF also has guidance on its website regarding equine infectious diseases and is urging owners to take the necessary precautions to avoid their horses becoming infected.

Further information

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