

WHITSBURY MANOR STUD

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BREEDING REQUIREMENTS **2025 COVERING SEASON**

The Levy Board Code of Practice for the control of Contagious Equine Metritis and other Equine venereal diseases for the 2025 Season will be applied at Whitsbury.

CEM

A Clitoral CEM swab, taken after 1st January 2025, is required to be taken from all mares prior to their arrival with a certificate from a recognised laboratory. In addition to CEMO, these certificates must also state that Klebsiella and Pseudomonas have not been isolated. If a mare arrives without a certificate she will be isolated until a swab has been taken and the result received.

EVA/EIA

All mares that have not been outside the UK and Ireland within the last twelve months will require one negative EVA blood test and one negative EIA test to be taken after 1st January 2025 and before service. A 2nd negative EVA blood test will be required 30 days prior to covering. If the mare needs to be recovered a further negative EVA blood test will also be required if the 2nd one falls outside the 30-day period.

All mares originating from outside the UK & Ireland will require two negative EIA tests and two negative EVA blood tests, the first to be taken within a 28 day period prior to arrival in the UK, with the second to be taken at the boarding stud no sooner than 14 days after arrival. Further blood tests will be taken as required to ensure that the mare is tested within 21 days prior to, and as close as possible to each covering until a final blood test has been taken a minimum of 60 days after the mare's arrival in this Country. Animals coming from Europe that are seropositive for EVA will require two tests in the UK with a stable or declining titre before they can be mated. All correctly completed travel documents should accompany the mare/s.

Any mare arriving from GERMANY or ITALY with a foal at foot will require a blood test for EIA to be taken from the foal a minimum of 14 days after arrival in this country.

NB. If a mare should leave the boarding stud after service or scanning in foal and thereafter wish to return during further oestrus, it may be necessary to provide a second negative EVA test.

These test results must confirm no significant rise in antibody titres (seroconversion).

EQUINE VIRAL ARTERITIS (EVA) tests to be taken after 1st January 2025

1. All mares that have NOT been outside the United Kingdom and Ireland within the last 12 months will require two negative blood tests a minimum of 14 days apart. The first should be taken as soon as possible after 1st January 2025. A second test should be taken close to and no more than 30 days before the first time of covering. Further blood tests may be required to ensure that the mare is tested within 30 days of each subsequent covering.

Seropositive mares will require two blood tests a minimum of 14 days apart to be taken in early January, these should demonstrate a stable or declining titre. Further tests within 30 days of mating can be compared with these.

2. All mares originating from outside the UK and Ireland will require two negative blood tests, the first to be taken within a 28-day period prior to arrival in the UK, with the second to be taken at the boarding stud, a minimum of 14 days after arrival and before the mare is released from isolation. The mare can then be covered providing that mating takes place within 30 days of this test. Otherwise further tests will be required so that negative results are obtained within 30 days of this and any subsequent coverings.

Seropositive mares will require two blood tests to be taken initially in the UK. These should be taken a minimum of 14 days apart and demonstrate a stable or declining titre. Further tests within 30 days of mating can be compared with these.

3. NB. If a mare should leave the boarding stud after service or scanning in foal and thereafter wish to return

during further oestrus periods, it may be necessary to provide a further negative EVA test.

STRANGLES

All mares boarding at Whitsbury originating from outside of the UK will be isolated and strangles blood tested on arrival. All mares will remain in isolation until a negative test has been returned. (This does not apply to mares walking in).

Owners or Managers are required to declare any possible contact or exposure their mares or stud might have had to **Strangles** over the last two years. The current Code of Practice guidelines on prevention and control will be observed.

All mares must be correctly vaccinated against Equine Influenza and Tetanus and these injections should be registered in their Passports, which must be sent with the mares. If there is a lapse in the recorded vaccinations the necessary injections will be given and recorded in the Passport.

All mares will require an Aerobic endometrial swab PRIOR TO COVERING IN EACH HEAT PERIOD MINIMUM 24HR CULTURE.

The vulva of any mare will be sutured if it is considered necessary.

In order to keep Veterinary charges to a minimum, following the initial consultation and supply of drugs, stud staff, whenever possible will carry out follow up injections.

Mares are boarded on the Stud at the Owner's risk and all owners are therefore advised to insure their animals against all risks.

We shall assume you are in agreement with the above procedures unless you inform us in writing to the contrary.

**** WOULD YOU KINDLY COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED MARE DETAILS FORMS AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT A MARE FOR COVERING IF THE COMPLETED DETAILS FORM HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.**

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WALKING – IN MARES

The following must accompany all mares which walk in for covering:-

- a) Clitoral CEM Swab certificate taken after 1st Jan 2025
- b) Cervical/Endometrial swab certificate taken during oestrus for CEMO and negative 24hr culture.
- c) **PHOTOCOPY OF PASSPORT** (or original) **to include number, markings and vaccinations** MUST accompany the mare on EVERY occasion when walking in. Equine influenza and tetanus Vaccinations must be up to date.
- d) Freedom from Infection certificate.
- e) Negative EVA certificate /s. (As stated in guidelines on pg1) (2 minimum)
- f) Negative EIA certificate /s. (As stated in guidelines on pg1)