WHITSBURY MANOR STUD

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BREEDING REQUIREMENTS
2026 COVERING SEASON

The Levy Board Code of Practice for the control of Contagious Equine Metritis and other Equine venereal diseases for the 2026 Season will be applied at Whitsbury.

CEM
A Clitoral CEM swab, taken after 1st January 2026, 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.

CONTAGIOUS EQUINE METRITIS (CEMO) - HIGH RISK MARES - those who have had previous contact with CEMO or who originate from countries outside France, Germany, Ireland, Italy and the United Kingdom (a full definition of high/low risk status can be found at Appendix 2 of the HBLB International Codes of Practice http://codes.hblb.org.uk) require: Before first time of covering: Two negative clitoral swabs taken after 1st January 2026 and at least seven days apart at the home premises or the boarding stud. One negative endometrial swab taken after 1st January 2026 at the home premises or the boarding stud during the oestrus prior to service. Clitoral and endometrial swab test results must certify negative culture or PCR results for Taylorella equigenitalis (CEMO), Klebsiella pneumoniae (capsule types 1, 2, & 5) and Pseudomonas aeruginosa by a British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) Approved Laboratory or other National Approved Laboratory in Ireland or France. Swab certificates from laboratories in other countries will not be accepted and tests will need to be repeated at the boarding stud, unless the Laboratory is accredited by BEVA Laboratory Approval Scheme, following quality assurance testing. See note c) at the end of these regulations. Immunofluorescence test (IFT) results will not be accepted.

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 2026 and before service.

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).

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. <u>WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT A MARE FOR COVERING IF THE COMPLETED DETAILS FORM HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.</u>**

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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 2026

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)

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