

QUAINTON STUD

HEALTH TESTS REQUIRED BY STALLIONS BEFORE COMING TO THE STUD

Stallions must not have covered a mare within 30 days before entry to the Stud. Before a stallion enters the stud, certificates, issued by DEFRA laboratories, must be available to show that the following diseases have been tested for with negative results in each case:

1. EQUINE VIRAL ARTERITIS (EVA) - Either:

- a) Non-vaccinated stallions: Serum neutralisation test on a sample of whole blood taken within 30 days before entering the centre, or
- b) Vaccinated or other EVA positive stallions: Virus isolation carried out on a sample of fresh semen within 180 days before entering the centre.

2. EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANAEMIA (EIA)

Serum Neutralisation (Coggins) Test on a sample of whole blood taken within 30 days before entering the stud.

3. CONTAGIOUS EQUINE METRITIS (CEM)

Culture of swabs taken within 30 days before entering the centre from each of the following four locations:

- (a) prepuce, (b) fossa, including sinus, (c) urethra and (d) pre-ejaculatory fluid or semen. In addition to microaerophilic culture, the swabs should be cultured aerobically to test for the presence of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

SAMPLING: (tests to be taken at least 15 days after last covering a mare)

a) Blood samples: 10 ml of whole blood for each test. Samples to be sent to Virology Department, Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3NB, to arrive within 48 hours of sampling.

b) Semen Samples: 10 ml of fresh gel-free semen, in an Equitainer or other cool box to Virology Department, Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3NB, to arrive within 24 hours of collection. Please give 24 hours' warning before arrival of the sample (01932 341111). The test takes 3 weeks to produce a result.

c) Penile Swabs: Swabs, in charcoal transport medium, sent to Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Rougham Hill, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 2RX to arrive within 48 hrs of sampling. DEFRA require that swabs must be kept cool (but not frozen) during transit by inclusion of an ice pack, or similar, within the package.

It is recommended that to avoid postal delays, samples should be sent by Royal Mail Special Delivery.

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