



## Country Farm Stud

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### **Health requirements for mares at stud** **Updated by the BQM in line with the HBLB codes of practice**

In accordance with the new HBLB Codes of practice the following health are required for all mares arriving at the stud unless they are arriving for foaling heat (within 5 days of foaling) with a live foal at foot.

**CEM SWAB**, This must be for the current Stud season i.e. carried out after 1<sup>st</sup>January. The swab certificate must accompany them to stud. Mares with a live foal at foot arriving for foaling heat (within 5 days of foaling) with a live foal at foot. do not need a CEM swab.

**EVA** all mares require a negative blood test for EVA prior to arrival at stud, the certificate must accompany the mare to the stud or be sent prior to arrival. . Mares with a live foal at foot arriving for foaling heat (within 5 days of foaling) with a live foal at foot do not need a EVA test.

Mandatory EVA testing has been brought in for 2008 by the BQM in line with the new HBLH codes of practice. EVA is very much a time bomb waiting to happen in this country as more & more horses & semen are imported form countries where it is rife. It is a notifiable disease (like foot & mouth) & if an outbreak occurs the premises will be shut down by DEFRA. Therefore as you can see testing is for your protection as well as ours & is a very important regulation to have in place. If you sent your mare to stud that did not test & an outbreak occurred through no fault of yours, your mare could be stuck at that stud for months & as no covering would be allowed she would probably not even be in foal at the end of it! As you can see from that point of view the cost of the test is a small price to pay for piece of mind.

**Flu & Tetanus** it is strongly recommended that all mares are covered for flu & tetanus. We advise that any mares arriving not injected are started on a primary course as this can be done more cheaply at stud . It is important that all mares should be up to date prior to foaling for the foal to receive protection from the mare. Any mares injected at stud will be billed to the owner direct by Aldington Equine Vets.

**Mares for grass livery** Please note in the interest of disease control mares coming to live out will be kept in for 48 hours after arrival to enable us to check for any signs of ailments, this is for the protection of all the visiting mares and our biosecurity. Mares that are only staying with us for a few days will be in on full livery.

**Worming** We worm test all mares on arrival will worm mares that require it..

**Weight** All mares will be measured with a weigh tape on their first vet examination and any weight gain or loss advised by the vet will be discussed with you.

Please note all of the above are to protect you, your mare & the resulting foal. We offer the highest standards of disease control & we do not believe in cutting corners as the results of doing so are often disastrous.

Certificates and test results can be faxed directly to the stud by the vets, our fax number is 01995671838, please ensure the name on the certificates is the same as the registered name on the mare's passport otherwise this can cause confusion.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please contact Karen