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Horse Vaccination Protocol.

Vaccination protocol for Equine influenza ("flu")

Primary course: 2 injections, 21-92 days apart. Between 4 and 6 weeks gives the best immunity.

First Booster: Within 150-215 days of second injection of primary course. Approximately 6 months gives the best immunity.

Annual Booster: Within 365 days of preceding booster. This must be less than 365 days otherwise the full protocol must be started again. Anniversary dates are acceptable but no later. Boosters should be given every 6 months in the face of an outbreak.

This protocol fulfils the Jockey Club regulations and is required if you wish to show, race or enter your horse in competitions.

FEI rules state that the first booster must be no more than 6 months +21days after the second part of the primary course. Thereafter, boosters must be given within 6 months.

NB Jockey club and FEI regulation state that the vaccination cannot be given in the 7 days prior to a competition or entering into competition stables.

It is your responsibility to remain familiar with the current guidelines as they may change.

Vaccination protocol for Tetanus

Primary course: 2 injections, 28 days apart. Can be combined with Equine influenza primary course if required.

First Booster: Within 17 Months of second injection. Usually combined with first yearly booster of Equine Influenza course.

Further Boosters: Only required every 2 years. Can be given yearly in high risk areas.

Pregnant mares should be given a tetanus booster 4-6 weeks prior to foaling date to maximise protection through the milk.

Foals can be given Tetanus antitoxin soon after birth to provide temporary cover against tetanus repeated at 4 weekly intervals if at risk. Vaccination against tetanus can be started from 3 months of age.

Please note that we will no longer be sending reminders for vaccinations. It is your responsibility to ensure that your horse is up to date with all vaccines and that they are done within the relevant time period. Howells Veterinary Services Ltd accepts no responsibility for vaccinations which have lapsed.

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