

Updated biosecurity protocols for USET Foundation

NO HORSES MAY ENTER UNLESS THEY MEET THE BIOSECURITY CRITERIA. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!
GLADSTONE, NJ

In light of recent EHV-1 (equine herpes virus) outbreaks the USET Foundation has announced updated biosecurity protocols for all horses entering the USET Foundation Hamilton Farm Facility. This protocol has been put in place under advisement of USET veterinarians to ensure the health and safety of all horses entering the facility as we strive to keep our environment available, safe and healthy for upcoming equestrian events. Updated biosecurity protocols for USET Foundation include:

A current negative coggins test. All horses will be vaccinated for Equine EHV-1 (either modified live or killed vaccine) no sooner than 7 days prior and no later than 90 days prior to entering the USET Foundation. Most EHV-1 vaccines are only considered effective for 90 days. Check with your veterinarian about which vaccine you should use.

Any horses shipping into the USET Foundation will **require a 48-hour health certificate** or statement on official licensed veterinarian letterhead. All horses should be able to **provide proof of vaccine, preferably labeled on the health certificate.**

Document your horses normal temperature prior to arrival. **PLEASE DO NOT SHIP HORSES WITH ELEVATED TEMPERATURES** since this is usually an early and effective indicator of a problem.

The attached form will be required for all horses entering the facility. This form is to certify that none of the horses in your care have been in direct contact or stabled with any horses that have received a positive test for the EHV-1 virus or have been stabled at a quarantined facility. By signing this form you certify that you will continue to follow all biosecurity precautions set forth by the USET Foundation.

No horse will be unloaded until it's temperature is checked by our by on-site veterinarian, Lauren Bartfield upon arrival. We urge you to practice routine temperature checks on your horses daily.

"We would like to thank everyone for their diligence in adhering to this important protocol so we can continue to make our facility available and keep your horses healthy", said Executive Director, Bonnie Jenkins.

All horses entering the USET Foundation facility will be required to follow biosecurity procedures due to recent EHV-1 outbreaks. The form may be found on the USET website at www.uset.org under *news* - you will see a press release and there is a form at the bottom of that release you can click on and download.

Info and form below

THIS FORM and a 48 hour health certificate MUST ACCOMPANY ALL HORSES SHIPPING INTO THE USET FOUNDATION FACILITY AND MUST BE CHECKED PRIOR TO UNLOADING FROM TRAILER. Veterinarian Laureen Bartfield will be designated Form Checker. Contact her via cell: 919-291-0046.

By signing this letter I hereby certify that none of the horses in my care have been in direct contact or stabled with any horses that have received a positive test for the EHV-1 virus.

I also certify that none of the horses in my care have been housed in any current quarantined facility. I also certify that I will continue to follow all biosecurity precautions set forth by the USET Foundation.

Print Name _____

Date ___/___/___

Signature _____

Name of Barn _____

Arrival Date _____

Address of horse's origin prior to coming to USET Foundation:

In effect until further notice, no horses will be allowed to ship onto the

USET Foundation property without a health certificate within 48 hours of arriving.

USET Foundation is asking all equestrians to enact biosecurity protocols and be proactive and responsible for their horses, including daily temperature charts. Do not bring any horses that come from quarantined farms onto USET Foundation property.

An integral part of a showing environment includes healthy horses. Exhibitors, especially those traveling long distances, can contribute to that healthy environment by following some basic recommendations listed below.

Basic Recommendations

1. A current negative coggins test. Please renew before it expires, and not just before it is necessary to leave the state. All horses will be vaccinated for Equine EHV-1 (either modified live or killed vaccine) no sooner than 7 days prior and no later than 90 days prior to entering the USET Foundation. Most EHV-1 vaccines are only considered effective for 90 days. Check with your veterinarian about which vaccine you should use.
2. A health certificate or statement on licensed veterinarian letterhead within 48 hours is required for all horses shipping onto the property. All horses should be able to produce proof of vaccine, preferably labeled on these health certificates.
3. You should be able to document your horses normal temperature before arrival. Please do not ship horses with elevated temperatures. It is recommended that you establish a log of temperatures taken at least twice daily. If there is an elevated temperature for more than a 24 hour period, please consult your local veterinarian immediately.
4. Every effort should be made to minimize stress and commingling of horses shipped long distances. Extra hours on a horse van, or moving from stable to stable, is the fastest way to compromise your horses' and your neighbors' horses' health.