



GAINESWAY

Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) Policy

NOTE: IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTBREAK OF EHV-1, THIS POLICY MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

We require all mares bred to Gainesway stallions be vaccinated against EHV-1 within 10 – 90 days prior to breeding. While vaccination may not prevent infection, it should reduce the amount and duration of viral shedding should a mare be exposed to EHV-1.

We strongly recommend boarding facilities quarantine new arrivals and monitor for signs of clinical disease. The stresses of shipment and introduction into a new herd may cause latent carriers to resume shedding virus. Vaccination will not prevent this from occurring.

Booking Policy

Vaccination may not be effective against the neurologic strain of EHV-1. We will not breed mares directly from racetracks, training centers or boarding facilities **under quarantine** for active cases of EHV-1 regardless of vaccination status.

Our booking department will monitor the place of origin for mares presented for booking, using the following guidelines:

Mares residing on a boarding facility for 21 days or more, with no clinical evidence of EHV-1 neurologic disease, will be booked normally.

Mares residing on a boarding facility for less than 21 days will be provisionally booked, pending confirmation of a negative EHV-1 status for the mare's current and prior locations.

Mares whose location or clinical condition for the past 21 days is unknown will not be booked.

Breeding Shed Policies

At the breeding shed, mares exhibiting clinical signs of infectious disease will be refused service. The stallion crew will wear disposable gloves for each cover and will use only disinfected twitches to restrain mares. Teasers will be monitored daily for fever and weekly for virus by PCR.

These policies were implemented for the protection of visiting mares and Gainesway stallions. They are subject to change without notice as new information becomes available. If you have questions or comments, please contact Rocky Mason, DVM at (859) 519-5729.