



Protocols Concerning Vesicular Stomatitis For Horse Shows & Related Events

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We are going to be living with vesicular stomatitis for months, and HDHP is responsible for protecting its 200 horse boarding facility, while also allowing shows to occur. HDHP will regularly evaluate and revise our protocols as needed. We are mindful of horse health and keeping our businesses operating.

HDHP is assuming responsibility for administering VS protocols for shows, along with participation and support by the show organizers. Show organizers are welcome to implement greater requirements. HDHP will charge shows \$20 per horse to cover the additional costs of inspecting arriving horses and related requirements.

Furthermore, we are asking show organizers to have specific time ranges when horses can arrive at HDHP. Please contact us at least a week in advance of your show regarding time ranges so we can make sure to have appropriate staff available to inspect arriving horses.

Below are the requirements for horses coming to HDHP for shows:

- Provide a three-day temperature log showing morning and afternoon temperatures recorded for at least three days before the horse's arrival.
- Provide a statement from a veterinarian, on the veterinarian's letterhead with the following: *I have examined the horse represented on this letter and have found no clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis. The horse has not originated from a facility under quarantine for VS or suspected to have VS cases. Additionally, the animal has not been on a facility within five (5) miles of a facility currently quarantined or currently suspected with VS.*
- The veterinarian's letter must include the horse's name, owner's name, and description of the horse.
- Provide the name and address of the facility where the horse is coming from, as well as contact information for that facility.
- Throughout the show, take temperatures of horses twice daily and record them on temperature cards posted at each stall.

These protocols may be changed at any time due to changes in circumstances.