



EMERGENCY PLAN

Show Contact Information :

Competition/Stable/Farm Facility Name or Event Name: _____

Show Location (Please provide complete address): _____

Show Office Phone # _____

Show Manager Cell Phone #: _____

Show Secretary Name: _____ Show Secretary Contact # _____

Media Contact: _____

Barn Manager: _____

Chief Steward: _____

Emergency Number Information

Emergency: Police/Fire/Ambulance: _____

Poison Control: _____

Local Hospital: _____

Hospital Street Address: _____

Veterinarian name: _____ Phone # _____

Alternate Vet Phone #: _____ After Hrs #: _____

Farrier Name and Phone# _____

First Aid Kit Information

Location of First Aid Kit (Human): _____

Location of First Aid Kit (Horse): _____

Location of Halter/Lead (loose horse) _____

Emergency Plan Information:

Location of:

Horse Ambulance or Truck and Trailer during show: _____

Keys to Horse Ambulance: _____

Tarp or Canopy walls: _____

Tractor in case of need of removal of injured horse: _____

Keys to Tractor: _____

Phone number of Deceased Animal removal during show: _____

Emergency Assignments:

Who will:

Meet ambulance/fire trucks: _____

Operate Horse Ambulance/Horse Trailer: _____

Contact ambulance/fire trucks: _____

Make decision for severe weather hold of competition: _____

Take care of crowd control: _____

Take care of screens: _____

Address media: _____

Contact Federations if necessary _____



Emergency Situations:

Fire/Flood Evacuation Plan:

Severe Weather/Tornadoes Plan:

Downed horse/rider:

Bio-Safety Plan in case of outbreak during show:

Competition Management needs to review the latest information on biosecurity and do a risk assessment prior to determining their biosecurity policy.

- The Competition Management needs to determine what their plan will be prior to the event and preferably published in the prize list or on their website. (example Neg.Coggins tests required)
- Stall preparation before the event - remove loose material, wash and then disinfect.
- Quarantine area identified for sick horses.
- Isolate in a separate barn.
- Limit access of people to infected areas and horses.
- Posting information that all people entering the quarantine area should change their clothes and boots and use hand sanitizers.
- Footbaths containing a disinfectant should be placed in areas where people exit from an infected area. The foot bath needs to be maintained daily or sooner.

For a complete overview see the following websites for some helpful information:

<http://www.equineguelph.ca/news/enews.php>

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/equine_biosecurity.htm



Information to assist in developing your Emergency Plan prior to competition.

Some examples:

Injury to Horse

a. Competition and Warm-up Rings

- The show vet (either on site or on call) is identified and name and number posted in barns.
- If the accident is in a warm up or competition arena, announce the delay and give people instructions to keep away from the area.
- If it is impossible to clear spectators create a visual shield with a tarp. Identify the location of the tarp and who is responsible.
- Have equipment readily available suitable to load and transport a standing injured horse, an injured down horse or deceased horse safely under professional supervision.
- Personally and publicly offer condolences and announce when the competition will resume.
- Contact the owner re insurance procedure if necessary.
- The show management needs to have the after-hours phone number of a deceased animal disposal service.
- Submit eyewitness and horse injury reports.

b. Barn Area

- 24 hour contact information is on every stall.
- The name and number of the show vet is posted in the barns.
- In the event of injury or illness complete appropriate reports.
- In the event of death of a horse the person responsible is to make appropriate decisions regarding insurance procedure.
- The show management has the name and after hours contact info for deceased animal disposal service.
- Submit horse injury report.

3. Injury to Person

- Location of first aid kit if available.
- Availability and location of AED.
- Medics on site and procedure to contact them.
- Announce the delay and cease jumping until medics are available.
- Assign someone to Call 911 if necessary and identify the person to meet the ambulance at the entrance.
- Transport to hospital if necessary.
- If family are not present identify a person to contact them.
- Submit injury report.

4. Severe Weather/Lightning

- Environment Canada's website provides guidelines for lightning and severe weather safety link: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/foudre-lightning/default.asp?lang=En&n=159F8282-1>
- Environment Canada states that at the first sound of thunder people are at risk of a lightning strike and should take shelter indoors.
- At the first sight of lightning or sound of thunder the show must be stopped and it announced that people and horses need to take shelter
- Once in a safe location, remain there for a minimum of 45 minutes after the last lightning or thunder before resuming outdoor activities.
- Announcer to announce the resumption of competition.



5. Fire

a. Barns

- Call 911 with physical location of facility.
- If fire extinguishers available where are they located.
- Evacuation plans / routes posted in all barns.

b. Surrounding Area / Forest

- Call 911 with physical location of fire.
- Evacuation plans / routes posted in all barns.

APPENDIX I

Sample Letter to Mail to Registered Exhibitors

Dear Exhibitor,

We have received your registration for EVENT X on EVENT DATE X. Protecting the health of your horse and other horses at this event is of the utmost importance to event management. This event is implementing biosecurity measures to decrease the risk of infectious disease agent introduction and spread at this event.

Regardless of whether they are participating in the event or not, all horses and livestock that enter the grounds will be subject to examination by event officials/designated representatives and/or State Animal Health Officials. Such examinations are to determine if the animal(s) is/are, has/have been infected/exposed, or are likely to be infected with an infectious or contagious disease. If after such examination, an official believes the health condition of an animal will place other animals at risk, the officials may quarantine the animal(s) and others that may have been infected/exposed, or if necessary, require movement of the animal(s) from the show grounds. All participants must agree to fully cooperate with examining officials and abide by their decisions/instructions. Failure to comply with officials shall be grounds for immediate expulsion of the participant from the grounds and potential disciplinary action(s) by the sponsoring organization and local/state or federal officials.

The equine health entry requirements for this event include: (EVENT MANAGER TO CHOOSE ONE or MORE and DELETE OTHERS).

a. Horses displaying obvious signs of clinical disease, such as fever, abnormal nasal discharge, consistent frequent coughing, neurologic signs of ataxia or significant hind limb weakness are not permitted to enter the event grounds.

b. Event No Fever Policy:

- Each horse entering the premises must have documentation demonstrating a record of body temperature readings with none above 102°F for a designated time period before arrival at the event premises. (For example, 72 hours)
- Show officials will obtain a body temperature of all horses at the time of arrival to the event premises and all horses will be subject to periodic inspection by event officials during the event.
- Owner/agents will monitor and document on a log the body temperature of their horse(s) ___X___ times a day during the event. (For example, two times a day)

c. Health Certification Policy

- Owner/agents must present to event officials at the time of arrival to the event premises, a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate), written within ___X___ hours (For example, seventy-two (72) hours) of arrival to the event premises.

d. Event Participation Declaration: (See Appendix F for Sample Event Participation Declaration).

- Owners/agents must sign a health certification statement verifying that the horse(s) has/have been healthy with no sign of infectious disease for the preceding three (3) days and a body temperature below 102°F during the ___X___ hours (For example, 72 hours) before arrival at the event premises.



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Owner/agents must provide event officials with the address of the premises where each horse was located immediately before arrival at the event and the address of the intended premises of destination for each horse following departure from the event premises.

In addition to the above entry requirement, the following biosecurity measures are recommended:

- Dogs are not permitted on the event premises **or All** dogs on the event premises must be kept on a leash.
- Limit horse-to-horse contact.
- Limit horse-to-human-to-horse contact.
- Avoid sharing of equipment, to include tack, water buckets, brushes, wipe rags, etc.
- Avoid use of communal water troughs.
- Avoid submerging end of water hoses in water buckets.
- Do not allow horses to drink directly from a water hose.
- Avoid tying horses to fences or gates on the event grounds.
- Cover all feed and hay to prevent access by vermin, birds or other animals.
- Monitor your horse frequently for signs of disease during the event.
- Immediately report any sick horse(s) to designated event official or veterinarian.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect all equipment before use at the home premises.
- Isolate and monitor all animals upon return to the home premises.

In the event of an emergency or infectious disease incident at the event, all participants and horses will remain at the venue until event management provides clearance for departure from the event premises. In the case of an infectious disease event, event officials will evaluate individual horse disease exposure risk and provide owner/agents with follow up disease monitoring instructions. In the event movement restrictions are put in place, each owner/agent is responsible for the care and maintenance of their horse(s) on the premises.

We appreciate your compliance with event management efforts to maintain biosecurity at the upcoming event.

Sincerely,

XXXXXXXXXX Event Manager

*******Information used within this document has been gathered from various web-sites to assist competition management and stewards in preparing for emergencies*******

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