

August 6, 2007

Dear Boarders,

There has been a recent outbreak of the neurological form of the rhino virus (EHV-1) in our area. There is a serious risk for horses that have been exposed to this virus, and it is a highly contagious disease. The horses that have been diagnosed with EHV-1 competed in the recent Country Classic horse show in Wilsonville so horses that competed there may have exposed other horses in the area. While the rhino vaccine will not completely protect our horses, it is very helpful. This is a mutated form that is somewhat drug resistant. If your horse is on the Willamette Valley Equine vaccination program, he received the EHV-1 vaccine on June 27 and is as protected as possible. If your horse has not received the vaccine in the last 60 days, we ask that you have your horse vaccinated immediately.

This weekend 3 of our boarded horses traveled locally to the Lake Oswego Hunt Club to compete in a dressage show. Due to the slight possibility that they could have been exposed to the disease, and after discussing the issue with Dr. Saunders of Willamette Valley Equine, we have decided to quarantine Onique, Donna and Gelsey for up to 28 days. Gelsey's owner elected to take her home to quarantine her. Also, Lucky went on a camping trip this weekend and was exposed to other horses. He will also be quarantined. At this point, none of our horses show any symptoms of the disease, but we are better off safe than sorry.

If your horse leaves the barn and is exposed to any other horses, he will need to go into a 28 day quarantine when he returns. All haul in lessons have been stopped until further notice. The Oregon Breeders Showcase horse show schedule for August 11-12 at DevonWood has been cancelled. Decisions on the status of the Jr/YR Championships and the ODS championships are pending.

This is a very serious quarantine. The quarantined horses should not be allowed within 30 feet of other horses. They should not be ridden in the arena with other horses. They may not go on the horse exerciser, use the pastures or round pens, or any of the bark footing arenas. They are stabled below in the show stalls and may exercise only in the sand arenas or lunge pen. **THE SAND ARENAS ARE THEREFORE CLOSED TO ALL OTHER HORSES.** Please do not go down to the show stall area. Do not bring any new horses onto the property. If you visit other barns you should completely change your clothes and shoes before coming here. Wash your hands often with soap and hot water for at least 15 seconds. Do not pet horses other than your own. We would like to keep comings and goings to a minimum. If you use a farrier other than Mark Voorhis, or vet other than Willamette, please advise them of our quarantine and make sure they observe all quarantine procedures. They must change clothes and wash before coming here and should do so between visiting any barn.

This is a link to a website that may answer your questions:

http://www.countryviewvets.com/ehv-1_3-06.htm

If you have more concerns or questions, please feel free to ask Ginny, Teri, Jason or contact your veterinarian.

We are sorry for the inconvenience, but hope to prevent any spread of this disease.

Your concerned DevonWood Staff