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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

This month's cover picture is of orphan foal Zarar, who is the first of the Boomerang foals to be born this year. The Boomerang Plan is aiming to bring back rare Crabbet Arab lines that are flourishing in Australia, but lost in the UK.



In between our busy days, the Equus Team have also enjoyed being out and about.



We had a super Evening Talk at The Grange Equestrian Centre in the middle of the month and more recently enjoyed days at The Devon County Show.



We also attended Vauterhill, Bratton Down and Upcott Cross Point to Points as on course vets.



EQUINE INFLUENZA

Unfortunately Equine Influenza is spreading throughout the country at the moment

Did you realise all horses are at risk of flu, even if they don't leave the yard as the virus can travel through the air, up to 2km*. Competing and hacking horses could get infected and bring flu back to the yard. Vaccination is the most effective tool you have to protect your horse.

Do you know what to look out for when it comes to Equine Influenza?

Normal measures for a horse



Heart rate is **28-44** beats per minute

Respiratory effort is **minimal**

Clear and bright eyes

Respiratory rate is **10-14** breaths per minute



Temperature should be **36.5-38.5°C**

Relaxed muscles

Pink and moist gums

No nasal discharge

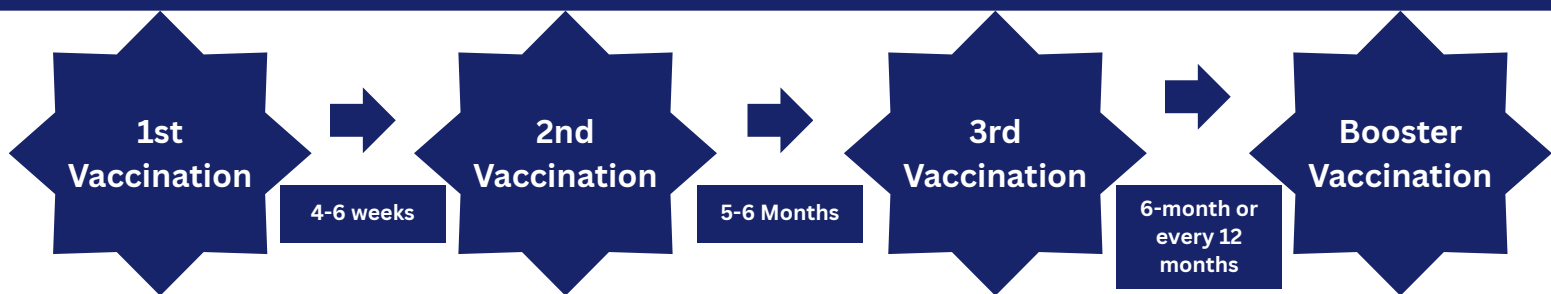


Reducing the risk of equine flu



 <p>All horses should be vaccinated</p>	 <p>Quarantine new horses (ideally for 3 weeks) before mixing them</p>
 <p>Wash your hands every time when handling different horses</p>	 <p>Have specific equipment for each horse, e.g. food bowls</p>
 <p>Bring your own equipment when away from the yard</p>	 <p>Disinfect transport and equipment when returning from an event</p>
 <p>Keep an eye out for signs of flu after an event or when mixing with other horses</p>	 <p>Discuss biosecurity measures with your vet</p>
 <p>Prepare isolation facilities in case of flu with protective clothes and separate equipment</p>	 <p>Tape off areas used by horses that have been diagnosed with flu</p>

The Equine Influenza course consists of:



If you would like any further information on having your horse vaccinated or if you would like to book an appointment - please contact a member of the Equus team 01837 214004 info@equusvets.co.uk

EAST CORNWALL AREA DAYS

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