



FEI / FEIF equine influenza vaccination rules

FEI / FEIF equine influenza vaccination rules concerning the allowed intervals (for those participating in any FEIF event), to be taken in practice January 1, 2007. As advised by the FEIF Welfare and Veterinary Committee, based on the FEI regulations as confirmed by dr. A. Fürst, FEI Vet/Del 583, dd. April 13, 2007.

- FIRO 1.4 requires for every horse taking part in Icelandic horse events proof of vaccination according to the Veterinary Rules of FEI.
- All horses that intend to compete in any FEIF event must have received at least an initial primary course of two vaccinations, the second dose of which must have been given between 21 and 92 days after the date of administration of the first dose.
- If the horse is scheduled to take part in an event, the last booster must have been given within 6 calendar months + 21 days of the start of the event or of entry to the stables, whichever is the sooner. (The 21-day window has been provided to enable vaccination requirements to fit in with the competition schedule.)
- No vaccination should have been given within 7 days of the start of the event or of the entry to the stables, whichever is the sooner.
- All horses that were vaccinated according to the 12 month schedule should not need to start a primary course again provided that they have complied with the previous rule of primary course and annual re-vaccinations, they just need the vaccination to be within 6 month and 21 days of the start of the event or of entry to the stables, whichever is the sooner.
- When the interval between the last vaccination and the start of the event or of entry to the stables is more than 6 month and 21 days, the horse does not need to receive a primary course of two vaccinations, one vaccination is sufficient (NB provided the 12 month interval was never interrupted since the last primary course.)
- Horses who do not compete, should receive at least annual boosters given subsequently (i.e. within 365 days of the last dose).

Examples for horses arriving at an event:

- The horse is always vaccinated for the 365 day schedule since last primary vaccination and the last booster was within 6 month and 21 days before the event and respecting the '7 days before the event rule':
 - *the horse is OK*
- The horse is always vaccinated for the 365 day schedule since last primary vaccination but the last booster was longer than 6 month and 21 days ago before the event:
 - *the horse needs one (1) vaccination in the period within the 6 month and 21 days ('respecting the 7 days before the event rule'). If this horse stays in competition the horse needs a booster at least every 6 month and 21 days*
- The horse is not vaccinated for the 365 day schedule since last primary vaccination
 - *The horse needs a new primary vaccination of two vaccinations between 21 and 92 days apart, the last within the 6 month and 21 days (respecting the 7 days rule) of the event.*

More general:

- All proprietary equine influenza vaccines are acceptable to FEI / FEIF irrespective of the route of administration.
- All vaccines must be administered by a veterinarian.
- The vaccination should be administered according to the manufacturer's instructions (i.e. intramuscular injection or intranasal). FEI / FEIF will accept intranasal vaccines for both primary and booster doses. However, it is not possible to change the route of administration between the first and second vaccination of the primary course.
- The details of the vaccine, serial/batch number, the date and route of administration must be recorded in the passport.
- Where vaccination details are to be entered into new passports/recognition cards or duplicates, if the vaccination history of the horse is very long, the veterinarian who completes the descriptive page of the passport/recognition card may use a specific statement to certify that the vaccinations have been administered in accordance with FEI/FEIF regulations.

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