



Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP) Event Manager Newsletter

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Event Manager Updates and Reminders

Electronic Options for Registering Events

Event managers are encouraged to use the Equine Medication Monitoring Program Online Event Registration System. The online event registration system allows the event manager to register a new event, view previous events, and copy previous recurring events. Once all the required event data is provided, event managers will receive their event number and have the ability either to view or print registration forms. Visit the website below to set up an online event manager account and to register events.

<http://apps4.cdfa.ca.gov/emppublic/eventregistration.aspx>

Direct all inquiries to 916-900-5045 or EMMP@cdfa.ca.gov.

Warning: Failure to Register Events May Lead to Event Manager Suspension

In accordance with Food and Agricultural Code section 24015 events must be registered with the department 60 days before the event. The law further authorizes the department to issue civil penalties for not less than \$100 and no more than \$2,500 to event managers who fail to register the event. In addition to these civil penalties the program is authorized to suspend event managers from hosting or managing events for not less than 90 days or more than one year for each violation. In 2018, the program will be issuing notice of violations and civil penalties to individuals who have been repeatedly notified of the failure to register events.

Remittance of Drug Fees within 15 days

The drug fee of \$5.00 collected for each horse entered or consigned to the event collected at the event, shall be submitted to the EMMP within fifteen (15) days of the final day of the event. A civil penalty of 10% of the amount due plus 1.5% interest/month on the unpaid balance calculated from the date of the event may be levied on an event manager who fails to remit collected fees within fifteen (15) days of the final day of the event. Continued failure to remit fees in a timely manner may result in civil penalties and potential suspension from hosting events in California for a minimum of 90 days. Fees can be paid online with a MasterCard or Visa at: <https://secure.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/emmp/>. (Have event number and event details available to enter online.) Checks should be made payable to CDFA- EMMP and include the event number and should be mailed to: CDFA- EMMP, 1500 W. El Camino Ave #215, Sacramento, CA 95833.

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Event Manager Updates and Reminders (*continued*)

Event Manager Assistance Requested

The Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP) requests your assistance in ensuring the successful selection of horses and collections of samples at your events. To assist the EMMP we are requesting the following:

- **A testing stall:** A stall is very important for the safety of the horses, owners and testers. This provides a safe, low stress place for the tester to collect either a blood or urine sample. This is especially important for shows when there are competitors hauling into the show and do not have a stall.
- **Order of go lists:** Order of go lists are very helpful to EMMP testers in order for them to be able to determine when a competitor has completed all of their classes and is then able to present their horse for testing within a reasonable amount of time.



EMMP appreciates your cooperation in these matters.

Notification of Exhibitors

The Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP) needs your help to increase awareness of the California Equine Medication Rules. EMMP requests that exhibitors be informed of participation in an EMMP registered event. In addition to the \$5 CA EMMP drug fee being clearly indicated on the event entry or participation form, EMMP requests exhibitors be notified of their responsibilities. The following language is recommended to be included in premium books, event related materials and event websites:

- This event falls under the California Equine Medication Rules as authorized by state law (Food and Agricultural Code Sections 24000-24018). Participants of such event have the responsibility to ensure full compliance with the medication rules. Specifically, horses administered a therapeutic prohibited substance shall be withdrawn from competition for a 24 hours after administration. Horses administered non-therapeutic substances must be withdrawn from competition until the substance has cleared the system. Therapeutic administration of one of the nine permissible substances is permitted before and during competition provided the detected level in the sample does not exceed the maximum permissible levels. Additionally, injectable substance shall not be given to a horse within 12 hours of competition. In accordance with the law, any horse on the show grounds is subject to sample collection by representatives of the California Equine Medication Monitoring Program. When an EMMP approved veterinarian is assigned the event the sample collected will be blood. There is no option as to the type of sample collected. Once notified it is the individual's responsibility to submit selected horse to the EMMP representative as failure to submit a selected is a violation of the law and subject the individual to a minimum fine of \$1,000. For more information on the California Equine Medication Rule visit https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/EMMP/ or contact program Veterinarian Dr. Katie Flynn at EMMP@cdfa.ca.gov or 916-900-5039.

This information is included in the brochures and posters provided to event management by the department. The EMMP expects event management to display the posters in a common area accessible and visible to all event participants, such as outside the competition areas or show office. If additional posters are needed, please contact the EMMP office at emmp@cdfa.ca.gov.

Horse Show Medication Reminders

With show season starting up again, the Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP) would like to remind folks of key medication rules for California:

- **Use of therapeutic medications:** All drugs and medications shall be used for a therapeutic purpose. A therapeutic drug or medication is defined as one which is prescribed by a licensed veterinarian for treatment of a diagnosed illness or injury.
- **Permissible substances allowed before and during competition:** There are nine (9) permissible drugs with restrictions on the established maximum detectable plasma or urine level. Therapeutic administration before and during competition is permitted as long as the detected level in a sample from the horse is below the maximum detectable permitted level. Dose and time recommendations for these permissible drugs can be viewed here: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/EMMP/pdf/PermissibleLevels&Guidance.pdf.
- **Prohibition of injectable within 12 hours of competition:** Administration of any injectable substance to an equid within twelve (12) hours of competition is prohibited. For the three (3) exceptions, visit the program website.
- **24 Hour withdrawal after use of prohibited substances:** Horses must be withdrawn from competition after the therapeutic administration of a prohibited substance, and the minimum withdrawal period is 24 hours prior to competition.
- **Extended withdrawal for use of non-therapeutic substance:** Administration of a prohibited substance for non-therapeutic purposes, including, but not limited to, clipping, shipping, shoeing or training requires horses to be kept out of competition until the prohibited substance is no longer detectable.
- **Drug declarations required for prohibited substances ONLY:** Drug Declarations must be completed for prohibited substances administered within three (3) days before the start day of the horse show. **Event official must sign and date declaration upon receipt and provide to the EMMP office.**
 - Individuals who complete a USEF Medication Report DO NOT have to complete a CA Drug Declaration Form. California has an agreement with USEF to obtain a copy of the form when needed.
- **Any horse on show grounds subject to sampling:** Any horse on the grounds of a registered event is subject to sample collection.
- **Blood sample collection may be mandated:** Only one type of sample will be collected by the EMMP representatives. When an EMMP approved California licensed veterinarian is at the event ONLY blood samples will be collected from the selected equine. No other sample type will be permitted.
- **Failure to submit a selected horse for sample collection is a violation:** It is the responsibility of the custodial agent of the selected horse to submit the selected horse for sample collection. Failure to submit the selected horse to an EMMP representative will result in a notice of violation and a civil penalty of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$10,000.
- **Suspended individuals not permitted on event grounds:** In addition to penalties and fines, both a trainer and owner, who have violated the California Equine Medication Laws may be suspended from all competitions at any public event in California for not less than 90 days. It is unlawful for any person suspended from competition by the secretary to compete in any public horse show or competition during the period of suspension. The suspended individual is not permitted entry to event grounds of any registered event in the state of California during the suspension period. List of suspended individuals will be on our website. Event managers of the discipline of the suspended individual will be notified by the program.

For more information on medication rules, visit:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/EMMP/EMMP_CA_Equine_Med_Rule.html.

Please direct any specific drug and medication questions to EMMP Staff Veterinarian, Dr. Katie Flynn, at kflynn@cdfa.ca.gov or (916) 900-5039.

Equine Health in California



Health Requirements for Show Entry

Horse shows can be a “perfect storm” for equine disease. Horses from many different areas of unknown health status commingle at one facility. Many times these horses are stressed and susceptible to disease agents. If a disease pathogen is introduced, it can readily spread through the animal population on the premises. To help counteract this “perfect storm”, many shows in California have instituted health requirements for show entries to ensure the health of the animals.

Any United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) sanctioned event, must follow the GR845 Equine Vaccination Rule. This states that “horses entering the ground must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables”. Additionally, some shows require a certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate) to enter the show grounds.

Currently, less than 15% of showgrounds in California have a health requirement listed on their website and/or show premiums. These health requirements for show entry can help to reduce the risk of a “perfect storm” occurring at a venue.

USEF Isolation Rule

Effective as of December 1, 2017, all United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) sanctioned competitions must have in place an isolation protocol for horses. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all competition officials and competition staff are advised of the accident preparedness plan and isolation protocol for horses, and that they are distributed accordingly. We encourage practitioners to assist event management in the development of this plan as their expertise is essential.

For more information, visit the USEF rules and regulations website at: <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/rulebook>.

Biosecurity at Horse Events

Since the Equine Herpes Virus-1 outbreak, associated with the Western National Cutting Horse Event in Ogden, UT in May 2011, there has been an increased awareness and need for biosecurity measures at equine events. As you are planning your 2018 shows, we recommend reviewing the “Biosecurity Toolkit for Equine Events” document at: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/Equine_Biosecurity.html.

The Biosecurity Toolkit provides resources to recognize potential disease risks at an event venue and to develop a biosecurity and infectious disease control plan to help protect the health of the competition/exhibition horses and the equine population. Each event and venue is unique; therefore, the toolkit provides guidance for the assessment and development of event-specific plans that address the specific identified disease risks of the event and venue.

Your assistance in protecting the health of California’s equine population through implementation of biosecurity measures at your equine event is greatly appreciated.

Equine Health in California (*continued*)

Microchipping in Horses

An equine microchip is a radio frequency identification device (RFID) device, which has a unique 15-digit identification number for the horse. The implantable microchip is a low-cost, safe, permanent identification for the horse. Microchips can verify without a doubt the identity of the horse in cases of loss, theft or displacement in a natural disaster. They are also an asset for animal traceability in the event of a disease outbreak.

There are different kinds of equine microchips currently available, including biothermal microchips. In addition to storing the unique equine identification number, biothermal chips have temperature sensing technology built into the extension portion of the microchip. This is a quick, safe, temperature monitoring tool for horse health that is particularly useful in equine disease outbreaks for temperature monitoring large numbers of horses in a short amount of time.

Certain equine organizations such as the Jockey Club already have a requirement for microchipping in order for a horse to be registered with their breed registry. The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) has implemented a rule that as of December 1, 2017, any horse competing in a United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) event will be required to have a microchip in order to earn points and prize money. As of December 1, 2018, all horses being entered into a USHJA event will be required to be microchipped.

Upcoming Open House at UC Davis Center for Equine Health CEM Import Quarantine Facility

The UC Davis Center for Equine Health is the only Contagious Equine Metritis import quarantine facility in California. They will be hosting an open house during the summer for the public to visit the facilities and learn more about CEM Quarantine. Keep an eye out for further news regarding this open house. More information regarding this quarantine program can be found at:

<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ceh/quarantine/index.cfm>.



Get the Latest Update on Equine Disease Across the United States

Are you aware of recent outbreaks of equine infectious anemia in Kansas, Montana and Quebec Canada, or equine herpesvirus-1 myeloencephalopathy incidents in Washington, Pennsylvania, Oregon and New Jersey? The latest on these and other equine disease outbreaks can be found at the Equine Disease Communication Center (EDCC) website at <http://www.equinediseasecc.org/>. In November, the National Equine Health Plan was posted to this website. Review of this document by all industry stakeholders is encouraged.

The EDCC works to protect horses and the horse industry from the threat of infectious diseases in North America. The goal of the EDCC is to alert the horse industry about disease outbreak information to help mitigate and prevent the spread of disease. Ultimately, frequent and accurate information about diseases outbreaks improves horse welfare and helps to prevent negative economic impact that can result from decreased horse use due to a fear of spreading infection.