



FEI TESTING VETERINARIANS

Dear Testing Veterinarian,

The FEI Veterinary Department would like to update you with some information relevant to your role as Testing Veterinarian.

1. 2018 Veterinary Regulations

The FEI Veterinary Department has carried out a complete revision of the Veterinary Regulations during 2017.

The principle aims of the re-write were to remove unnecessary repetitions and contradictions. General information has been removed from the current regulations, to ensure the contents of the document focus strictly on regulatory matters.

The structure of the Veterinary Regulations has been changed. A logical approach has been implemented and we anticipate that this will make the document more user-friendly in the field situation.

The 2018 Veterinary Regulations will be effective from 1 January 2018 and can be accessed on the [FEI website](#), along with a memo summarizing the changes. A marked up version of the Veterinary Regulations is available on request from the FEI Veterinary Department.

The changes to the Veterinary Regulations relating to EADCM testing and reporting procedures are described below, however we strongly advise you to familiarize yourselves with other aspects of the new regulations. Testing Manual will be updated in due course to align with the new regulations and will be accessible in the OV zone of the veterinary pages on the FEI website. In addition to changes in the treatment of horses at events, vaccines must not be given to horses at events and it will no longer be necessary to record the use of GnRH vaccines.

Clarification has been given to the sanctions PTVs may receive for treating horses outside of designated treatment boxes without VD permission and failure to submit Veterinary Forms.

2. Testing Facilities

A minimum of two testing boxes are to be provided by the Organising Committee unless there are fewer than ten horses competing, in which case only one testing box may be provided. The FEI Veterinary Department would like to highlight that all events must supply testing boxes and exceptions are not granted. In addition to testing boxes, the

Organising Committee must ensure a sink with a water supply is available and provide a table/work surface.

3. Testing Procedure

Testing Veterinarians may appoint any FEI Official to notify the PR that the horse is to be tested and to chaperone the horse to the testing box. Only Testing Technicians may assist with sample collection. Testing Veterinarians may now allow up to 30 mins for the horse to produce a urine sample. The time must start from when moment the horse enters the testing box.

4. Reporting to the FEI Veterinary Department

The Testing Veterinarian Online Report must be submitted within 72 hours of the conclusion of the event. In addition, the EADCM Sampling Forms must be sent to the Veterinary Department within 72 hours of the conclusion of the event. It is no longer necessary to send the original forms; scans or copies of good quality are requested to be sent to (eadcmp@fei.org). Sanctions will be given to Testing Veterinarians who fail to submit testing reports and EADCMP sampling forms

5. Testing Veterinarians

The procedure for becoming a Testing Veterinarian or maintaining the Testing Veterinarian status has been revised.

An Official Veterinarian wishing to become a Testing Veterinarian is required to be nominated by the National Federation and complete 3 defined steps; attend a Testing Veterinarian Course, complete the Testing Veterinarian Online Examination and pass a practical evaluation with a Testing Veterinarian at an FEI event.

Established Testing Veterinarians will be required to maintain their status by completing 3 principle steps; pass the PTV online exam, attend a Testing Veterinarian Course and complete the Testing Veterinarian Online Examination. Testing Veterinarians who haven't passed the PTV online exam before 1 March 2018 will not be appointed to future events until they have updated their status.

Please consult the [Veterinary Education website](#) for the complete guidelines on how to become a Testing Veterinarian and other relevant information.

Additional information concerning status maintenance will be sent to you at the beginning of next year.

6. Collection of Blood samples

We wish to remind you that only appointed Testing Veterinarians are allowed to take blood samples. Testing Technicians are not permitted to take blood samples regardless of their qualification.

We request that you collect 6 tubes of blood even if you have the necessary volume of urine. If the volume of urine collected is low, you should in every case split it into both A and B samples.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous contribution in delivering successful equestrian events that comply with the core values, Rules and Regulations.

We wish you all a Happy and Successful New Year 2018!



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