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Committee name	FEI Veterinary Committee
Date	15.10.2024
Chair	Jennifer Hall

Committee Report	
Pt.	Subject
1	Meetings
	The Veterinary Committee has held one hybrid meeting, one in-person meeting and will hold one online meeting.
2	Veterinary Regulations
	Changes to The Veterinary Regulations in regards of treatment with injectable vitamins and minerals at FEI Events will be proposed as well as a provision to examine any part of the horse's body during the period of the Event. In addition, minor changes in accordance with the Rules Revision Process have been proposed, for example the condition of horse shoes at Pony Measuring Sessions.
3	Key Event Requirements (KER)
	Since the introduction of the KERs, the Veterinary Department has followed up on the reports by providing advice, support and investigations for the Discipline Departments and Organising Committees.
4	Equine Welfare
	The Veterinary Department has been central in the evaluation of the EEWBC report and subsequent production of the FEI Equine Welfare Strategy and Action Plan.
5	Biosecurity
	There have been no major outbreaks of infectious disease impacting FEI Events during 2024. The Veterinary Department has continued to appoint and remunerate Foreign Veterinary Delegates (FVDs) to a proportion of FEI Events. Breaches of the biosecurity requirements and protocols have been reported by these FVDs. Actions have been taken to improve the standards at the specific venues.
6	Games & Championships
	Members of the Veterinary Department have been onsite to support Olympic and Paralympic Games and the World Championships in Endurance in Monpazier, the FEI Longines World Cup Finals in Riyadh and the FEI Longines League of Nations Final in Barcelona. Advisory support has been provided to Paris 2024 and LA28.

7	Clean Sport
	<p>The sample collection kit from LockCon has been successfully introduced and the roll-out will be complete with Australia and New Zealand before the end of 2024.</p> <p>Limb Sensitivity Testing for Jumping (LSCJ) and Endurance (HSC) has been conducted at FEI Events around the world. HSC has been introduced to Latin America for the first time. More detail will be presented during the General Assembly. A seminar and course for HSC Examining Veterinarians was held in September and the equivalent for LSCJ Examining Veterinarians will be held in the end of October.</p>
6	Pony Measuring
	27 Measuring Sessions have been carried out and two more are planned. As of 15/10 1464 ponies have been measured with 1401 measured in and 63 measured out.
7	FEI Equipment Group
	The Senior Veterinary Manager has together with Legal Department successfully tested nose band measuring devices at FEI Events in EEF and FEI Grp IV. A device has been selected for production and implementation in 2025. It will be made widely available to FEI stakeholders.
8	National Head Veterinarians (NHV)
	An in person NHV Conference with 61 NFs represented was hosted by the TUR NF in Istanbul in February. The program covered the role of NHVs, education, recruitment and retainment of FEI Veterinarians, Clean Sport, biosecurity and Equine Welfare/Social License to Operate. Future plans are for the in person meeting to be every four years with an annual meeting held virtually.
9	Solidarity
	The Veterinary Senior Manager has on behalf of the Solidarity Department delivered X-ray and ultrasound imaging equipment to Cambodia and trained local veterinarians in the use.
9	Veterinary matters – Endurance
	The Working group for Endurance Vet Gate Protocols with members from the Veterinary and Endurance Committees, the respective departments and external experts has held two online meetings. Protocols for pre-event briefings have been produced. There has been a strong focus on fluid administration before and after Endurance Rides.

10	Research
	<p>The Veterinary Department supported by the Veterinary Committee has followed up on commissioned and funded research projects such as Airborne equine pathogens surveillance at major equestrian events - special emphasis on EHV-1 by Dr Lutz Goering, Correlation between footing and forces in horses limb by Dr Lars Roepstorff, Volume kinetics of intravenous fluids in horses by Dr William Muir and the Potential use of SLEIP App as support in evaluating horses fitness to compete in FEI CCI L format by Dr Elin Hernlund.</p> <p>The Veterinary Committee has also supported the department by reviewing applications such as the Investigation of the prevalence of Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage in Jumping Horses by Dr Chris Elliot, advising researchers and follow up and analysis of commissioned research as well as review of published articles within the field of equine welfare.</p> <p>The Oral Cavity Project has produced protocols for examination at FEI Events that will be evaluated in the end of October before launching a major study across all FEI Disciplines.</p>
11	International Movement of Horses
	<p>The work is mainly carried out through the International Horse Sport Confederation on which work a separate presentation will be held at the FEI General Assembly.</p> <p>The Veterinary Department is working closely with Technology and Sports Services to prepare and launch the Digital Passport project.</p>
12	Networking and Communication
	<p>The Veterinary Chair represented FEI at the Conference of the International Society for Equitation Science in New Zealand in March. The Veterinary Senior Advisor and Veterinary Director are speakers or panelists at Veterinary Conferences in Europe and North America with topics such as Clean Sport and Social License to Operate.</p>