



Dear Official Veterinarian,

The FEI Veterinary Department would like to update you concerning information relevant to your role as an Official Veterinarian:

### **Permitted Equine Therapists**

As of 1 July 2018, we would like to request you to assist with the regulation of Permitted Equine Therapists (PET) at FEI events. Anyone who wishes to carry out 'Restricted Therapies', as described by the Veterinary Regulations, Article 1056, must be registered as a PET. PETs must carry their FEI identification card at all times, in addition to completing the PET Registration Form and handing it to the Veterinary Delegate on their arrival at the event. Registration forms can be found [here](#).

### **Post Mortem Reporting Forms**

We have recently published a Post Mortem Reporting Form. The form is designed to be used by pathologists when carrying out and reporting on post mortem examinations. It was developed to bring consistency to examinations and capture specific details required to help with injury surveillance and maximizing safety at our events. The form can be accessed in the [OV resources](#) section of the website.

### **EADCM sampling kits**

Please be vigilant when packing EADCM sampling kits after having taken samples from horses. We have been informed of used needles having been packed into sampling kits. This is resulting in a risk to the laboratory staff who open the kits. Please dispose of needles in a sharps disposal bin at the event.

### **Officials Exchange Programme**

We have clarified and expanded the scope of the Officials Exchange Programme which is now available to:

1. veterinarians from countries with an insufficient number or an inadequate level of events who need to gain experience at FEI events abroad in view of their promotion to the titles of Official Veterinarian (primary or additional discipline), Endurance Official Veterinarian (including promotion to higher star levels), Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials (including promotion to higher star levels) and Testing Veterinarians (practical evaluation);
2. National Federations that would like an experienced foreign veterinarian to support the Organising Committee and mentor their local veterinarians; and

3. National Head Veterinarians from countries with little equestrian activity and/or economic resources who would like to broaden their knowledge and experience at FEI events, veterinary courses and conferences.

The veterinarians interested in the Officials Exchange Programme must look for the events, make contact with the OCs and estimate the costs prior to applying. The Veterinary Department can decide to reimburse part or all of their estimated expenses. A substantial budget is still available for 2018 and we encourage the veterinarians who wish to acquire more experience, an additional discipline or a higher star level to send their application.

Please refer to the [Guidelines for FEI Veterinarians](#) to see if you are eligible for the programme. General information and the application form are available [here](#).

We thank you for your continued contribution and send our best wishes.

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