



BREEDING REQUIREMENTS

Norton Grove Stud will observe the current Code of Practice published by the Horse Race Betting Levy Board (HBLB) for the Control of Contagious Equine Metritis and other Equine Venereal Diseases for the Covering Season.

Please note that all forms and certificates, including a copy of the mare's passport, must have been received by the Stud Office BEFORE THE MARE ARRIVES OR FOR WALK IN MARES BEFORE A COVERING IS BOOKED

Please email to nortongrovestud@btinternet.com

- **EQUINE VIRAL ARTERITIS (EVA)**

Mares from UK & Ireland:

A negative blood test, taken **after 1st January 2026**, for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) will be required and an additional EVA blood test will be needed no more than 30 days before they are covered for all mares visiting Norton Grove Stud stallions. In the case of a mare with a seropositive result, repeat blood tests, taken at least 14 days apart and sent to the same laboratory, must demonstrate a stable or declining titre.

- **EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANAEMIA (EIA):**

Mares from UK & Ireland:

All mares which have not been outside the UK and Ireland within the previous 12 months will require a negative blood test for EIA taken after 1st January 2026 and before cove. This can be taken at the same time as the test for EVA.

For mares that have been outside the UK/IRE in past 12M, EIA is Required within 30 days of arrival to the stud

- **CONTAGIOUS EQUINE METRITIS (CEM):**

All mares will require one negative Clitoral swab (CEM) certificate taken after January 1st 2026 specifically certifying negative culture or PCR results for *Taylorella equigenitalis* (CEMO), *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (capsule types 1, 2 & 5) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. They will also require a negative Endometrial swab certificate prior to covering (will be taken at the Stud if boarding). Additional Endometrial swab certificates must be provided for each oestrus period for which the mare is covered. CEMO cultural results may follow after covering.

- **PASSPORTS:**

Please note that, the **original passport** (not a photocopy) must accompany the mare **each time** she visits the stud. For walk-in mares a photocopy of the pages showing the name, breeding and passport

number, and of the identification pages and vaccination pages must be received by email before the mare arrives for covering and all mares being travelled should have their passport in the box/lorry for viewing the original document prior to covering.

- **INFLUENZA & TETANUS VACCINATION:**

All mares must be fully and currently vaccinated against Equine influenza and tetanus before arriving at the stud. If any booster becomes due whilst the mare is at the stud, it will be given by our veterinary surgeon, unless otherwise advised.

- **FREEDOM FROM INFECTION DECLARATION:**

A signed Freedom from Infection Declaration must accompany each visiting mare, whether boarding or walking- in, upon arrival at Norton Grove Stud on each occasion, stating that the said mare has not been in contact with any cases of still-birth, CEM, EVA, EHV-1, Strangles or any other infectious disease.

- **FOALING MARES:**

All foaling mares must have EVA, EIA and CEM results before arriving at Norton Grove Stud to foal.

****Only mares fully vaccinated against EHV-1 (i.e. in months 5, 7 & 9th-months of pregnancy) and Equine Influenza within a 12 month period will be foaled****

We strongly recommend vaccination of the in-foal mare (in months 8, 9 & 10 of pregnancy) against Rotavirus in order to give the foal maximum protection once it is born.

If a mare due to visit Norton Grove Stud produces a dead foal or one which dies soon after birth before the mare's arrival, the mare will not be accepted at Norton Grove Stud unless the foal has undergone a post mortem examination (this must be carried out by a recognised laboratory that is competent in such matters) and a report has been received by Norton Grove Stud demonstrating that the mare does not pose an infection risk. If any such death occurs whilst the mare is boarding at Norton Grove Stud, the above investigation will be carried out at the purchaser's expense.

- **WORMING:**

In order to minimise the risk of contamination to our paddocks, all horses boarding at Norton Grove Stud will be **wormed on arrival at the stud**, and thereafter at regular intervals, unless stated on Particulars of mares from the date of last wormed.

WALKING-IN MARES:

Booking times for covering: Please note that we will not be able to book a time for covering a walk-in mare until all the necessary paperwork has been received by the stud.

Please call the mobile 01653 693887 to book in walking in mares between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm

- **Scan Results:**

Mares not boarding at Norton Grove Stud must be ultrasound scanned for pregnancy no later than 20 days post covering, and the result passed immediately to the Stud Office. We also suggest that follow-up scans should be done at 25 & 42 days post covering. Manual examinations at 100+ days post covering are also essential (see Nomination Agreement) and these results must also be forwarded to the Stud Office.

If the mare is not in foal, a barren certificate must be supplied and signed by a veterinary surgeon.

Please supply this as soon as possible, and in any case by 15th October.

- **NOTE ON PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:**

Accounts for keep will be sent out monthly, payable within 30 days. Accounts not settled within this time will be subject to interest per month.

Nomination Fees (1st October Terms) are due on 1st October in the year of covering, unless the mare is sold before this date, when it becomes due immediately. (Refer to Nomination Agreement for further details.) Late payments will be subject to interest per month. **Payment of keep made by BACS or Cheque.**

Covering certificates will be electronically lodged with Weatherbys once all fees are paid, and any cheques cleared, so please allow time (10 working days) for your cheque to clear if you need your covering certificate for a specific date (e.g. if you are sending the mare to the sales.)

Payments made will be allocated to the oldest invoices first, and to interest before principal, so Nomination Fees will not be considered to have been paid in full if there are any previous keep invoices outstanding.