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Biosecurity Guidance for Visiting Equine Professionals

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Visiting Professionals

Visiting equine professionals regularly move between multiple yards, horses, and environments. Without good hygiene practices, this movement can pose a biosecurity risk. Effective biosecurity relies on shared responsibility between horse owners/yard managers and visiting professionals.

Horse Owner / Yard Manager Responsibilities

Provide facilities

- Provide access to hand-washing or hand-sanitising facilities between horses and between yards.
- Provide a disinfectant boot dip for use on arrival and departure.

Set and communicate protocols

- Clearly communicate your visiting professional policy. (e.g. PPE requirements, parking areas, isolation zones)
- A simple email outlining expectations is often sufficient.

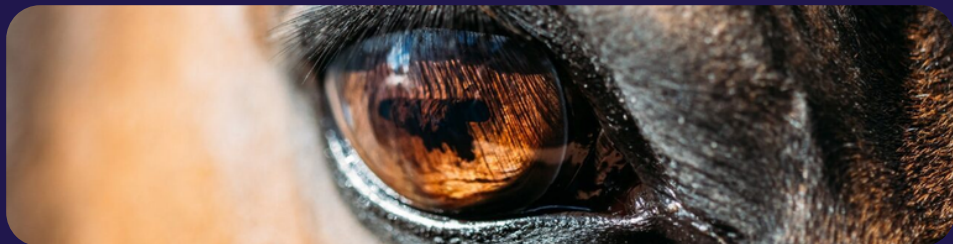
Maintain records

- Keep a log of visiting professionals.
- Ensure vaccination and parasite-control policies are followed.

Notify visiting professionals

- Inform visiting professionals in advance if there is an ill or isolated horse on the yard
- This allows the professional to decide whether to postpone the visit or attend at the end of the day and fully disinfect equipment, clothing, boots, vehicles, and tools using EndoSan disinfectant.





Visiting Professional Responsibilities (VP)

Arrive bio-secure

- Wear clean clothing and boots.
- Carry your own PPE and disinfectant. (e.g. EndoSan travel pack)

Prevent cross-contamination

- Clean and disinfect equipment between horses and between yards.
- Wash or sanitise hands between horses and between yards.
- Disinfect boots on entry and exit if no boot dip is provided.
- See sick or isolated horses last, at the end of the day.
- Afterward, shower and disinfect clothing, boots, equipment, and vehicles (e.g. add EndoSan to your wash)

Comply with yard rules

- Follow all yard-specific biosecurity and sign-in procedures.

Maintain professional standards

- Vets, farriers, dentists, physiotherapists, and other professionals are expected (and often regulated) to maintain high hygiene standards to prevent disease spread.

Transparency

- Declare recent visits to yards with suspected or confirmed infectious disease outbreaks.
- If informed *after* a visit that you were present during an infectious disease incubation period, notify all subsequent clients promptly.

Keep clear records

- Maintain records of yards visited, including dates, times, and horses attended.
- This supports effective disease tracing if required.

Visiting equine professionals should clearly communicate their own biosecurity expectations to clients in advance.

This may include access to hand-washing facilities, boot dips, clean working areas, and prior notification of sick or isolated horses. Sharing expectations by email, booking confirmation, or online helps avoid issues on the day and ensures consistent biosecurity standards to protect horse health.

Shared Responsibility

- **Communication is key:** Discuss expectations openly before visits.

Biosecurity is a partnership:

- Yard owners/managers provide the facilities and enforce their yard rules.
- Visiting professionals arrive clean and follow best practice.

Both parties share equal responsibility for reducing cross-contamination and preventing the spread of infectious disease.



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