

# BREEDING REQUIREMENTS - 2024 SEASON

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your enquiry regarding Yorton Farm and our stallions. We enclose some details as promised.

## ARRIVAL OF MARES

All forms and certificates, copy of the passport with up-to-date flu vaccination record, the enclosed Booking Form fully completed, and a signed nomination contract must have been received by the Stud Office **BEFORE** the mare **ARRIVES**.

Please complete the Mare Form with all contact details as requested and any other information about your mare which may be useful to our staff.

All mares must arrive with a **head collar**.

## HEALTH

Yorton Stud will be strictly observing the 2024 Code of Practice for the control of Contagious Equine Metritis and equine reproductive diseases along with the additional precautions listed below:

- **EQUINE VIRAL ARTERITIS (EVA) tests to be taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – Please refer to the advice to mare owners from the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.**
  1. All mares that have NOT been outside the United Kingdom and Ireland within the last 12 months will require two negative blood tests. The first should be taken as soon as possible after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. A second test should be taken close to and no more than 30 days before the first time of covering. Further blood tests may be required to ensure that the mare is tested within 30 days of each subsequent covering. Seropositive mares will require two blood tests a minimum of 14 days apart to be taken in early January, these should demonstrate a stable or declining titre. Further tests within 30 days of mating can be compared with these.
  2. All mares originating from outside the UK and Ireland will require two negative blood tests, the first to be taken within a 28-day period prior to arrival in the UK, with the second to be taken at the boarding stud, a minimum of 14 days after arrival and before the mare is released from isolation. The mare can then be covered providing that mating takes place within 30 days of this test. Otherwise further tests will be required so that negative results are obtained within 30 days of this and any subsequent coverings. Seropositive mares will require two blood tests to be taken initially in the UK. These should be taken a minimum of 14 days apart and demonstrate a stable or declining titre. Further tests within 30 days of mating can be compared with these.
  3. NB. If a mare should leave the boarding stud after service or scanning in foal and thereafter wish to return during further oestrus periods, it may be necessary to provide a further negative EVA test.



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### • CONTAGIOUS EQUINE METRITIS

1. **Low risk mares** must have a clitoral **CEM** swab which must be taken after 1 January 2024 and the certificate must be sent via email **prior** arrival of the mare. Walk-In mares will also require a negative **Endometrial** (Cervical) swab certificate prior to covering.
  2. **High risk mares** may have additional swab tests taken at our discretion. (High risk (not known to have been infected) mares usually come from countries other than UK, Ireland, France, Germany and Italy.)
- All mares have to be fully vaccinated against Equine **Influenza** and **Tetanus** before arriving at the stud. Influenza vaccinations must be dated within 12 months of arrival 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.
  - A signed **Freedom from Infection Declaration** must accompany each visiting mare, whether boarding or walking-in, upon arrival at Yorton 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 infectious disease.

All mares will be examined gynecologically as, and when considered necessary by us or our veterinary surgeons. Also, the vulva of any mare will be sutured as and when considered necessary.

### FERTILITY

Owners of barren or maiden mares are asked, where possible, that these mares are put under strong lights from January, so that their period of daylight or artificial light is extended to 16 hours each day.

In an attempt to achieve maximum fertility, we would be grateful to have as much information as possible of the mare's oestrus cycle and treatment for the previous seasons.

Ultrasound scanning will be routinely used for the early detection of twin pregnancies. All mares will be scanned between 14 and 28 days following covering. Additional scans may be required.

### GENERAL HEALTH

All mares are wormed on arrival and when necessary. Foals born at the Foaling Unit will be routinely IGG blood tested, vaccinated against tetanus and start our foal wormer regime. Mares and foals will have their feet trimmed when necessary. Any specific requirements by the farrier should be advised when the mare is booked in. All worming and farrier costs will be charged to the client account. Please ensure that we are supplied with the full contact details of the person responsible for receiving monthly invoices.

### CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Whilst every possible care, attention and supervision is taken during the time the mare or foal is at Yorton Farm, no responsibility for any accident, theft or disease is accepted by Yorton, therefore all horses are boarded at the owner's risk, and we advise that all animals are insured against all risks.

**It is now a legal requirement for all horse owners to have their passports signed in the Medical Treatment section as to whether the animal is OR is not intended for slaughter for human consumption.**

If the passport is NOT signed before the arrival at our stud, our veterinary surgeon will sign the horse as NOT intended for slaughter for human consumption.



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#### 2024 CHARGES

##### BOARDING CHARGES FOR VISITING MARES AND FOALS

Boarding charges for mares visiting our stallions during the 2024 covering season will be invoiced calendar monthly in arrears and are due for payment on receipt of the invoice.

Foaling mares / mares with foal at foot - **£30 per day plus VAT**

Barren / maiden mares - **£26 per day plus VAT**

**NOT** included in boarding fee:

- Any additional Veterinary intervention through either illness or injury
- Any special requirements for recuperating mares
- Farrier charges
- Worming (see under general health)

##### YORTON FOALING SCHEME Cost: - **£450 plus VAT**

###### Included:

- 24/7 supervision by experienced staff
- Tetanus vaccination, Meconium Retention Prophylaxis and Oral Plasma Administration
- All care including routine treatments relating to the mare's foaling

###### Not included:

- Any treatment required for the foal (including IGGTest £38.50 plus VAT)
- Foal Identification (for purposes of registration) £63.25 plus VAT
- 30 Day foal notification to Weatherby's £20 administration fee – **THIS IS NOW A LEGAL REQUIREMENT** Please let us know if you do **NOT** require us to do this for you.

##### YORTON VET SCHEME Cost: - **£490 plus VAT**

We operate an inclusive Stud Veterinary Scheme whilst your mare is at Yorton Farm.

This package is for **three** oestrus cycles and relates to reproductive work only. If you **do NOT wish** to be included in the scheme, please ensure the Booking Form is noted accordingly.

###### Included in Scheme:

- Manual and ultrasonographic examinations of the reproduction tract
- Pregnancy Diagnosis up to 42 days of pregnancy including Twin Checks
- Caslick operations if necessary
- Treatment for post mating if necessary
- Drugs included are Prids, Chorulon and Prostaglandin injections, basic intra-uterine antibiotic treatment, flushes
- Twin management/reduction

###### Not included in Scheme – invoiced separately:

- All outside laboratory fees (EVA & CEM testing must be completed prior to arrival at stud.)
- Deslorelin to assist with the ovulation
- Drugs to aid pregnancy maintenance like i.e., Regumate, Receptal, systemic antibiotics
- Spasmolytic drugs or sedatives to enable examinations or mating
- Any other treatments e.g. medical or orthopaedic
- Any scanning once the mare has left the stud
- Vaccinations

(Please Note: An invoice will normally be issued on the mare's arrival for the Vet Scheme. This is payable by return. **The scheme needs to be paid in advance before any work will be carried out.**)

**All mares at Yorton Farm will automatically be placed on the Stud Vet Scheme unless advised otherwise at the outset.**

**WORK UNDER THE SCHEME ONLY COVERS MARES WHEN THEY ARE AT YORTON FARM.**



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### **Covering Certificate**

The covering certificate will not be issued until the nomination fee, boarding charges and all associated fees have been paid.

We hope this gives you an overview of Yorton, but should you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact us. You are also able to find more information about Yorton on our website [www.yortonfarm.co.uk](http://www.yortonfarm.co.uk).

You are most welcome to visit at any time. However, please give us a phone call to book an appointment to ensure that our team can accommodate you.

Yours sincerely,

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