



Biosecurity aspirations activity

N = Now T = Tomorrow – mark which statements reflect what you currently do, and what you would like to do!

New horses

1. Horses brought straight onto main yard without quarantine or testing
2. Horses quarantined for three weeks on arrival without tests
3. Horses blood tested before arrival and introduced straight onto main yard if clear
4. Horses quarantined for three weeks on arrival and blood tested while in quarantine
5. Horses quarantined for three weeks on arrival and tested by guttural pouch endoscopy
6. Other

Transport

1. Horses travel frequently on commercial, multiple horse lorries without biosecurity
2. Horses travel on borrowed/hired/shared vehicles without disinfection
3. Horses travel with other horses and on vehicles owned by friends/neighbours
4. Horses are quarantined/temperature checked for three weeks after travel with unknown horses or on unknown vehicles
5. Horses only travel in vehicles that have been routinely disinfected after every trip and with horses whose strangles status is known
6. Other

Events

1. Owners only take action if a horse at an event is seen with signs of strangles
2. Owners to avoid interaction with horses from other yards, sharing water, grazing, tools etc
3. Interaction between horses/equipment sharing avoided AND temperature check for three weeks on return
4. Horses quarantined for three weeks on return from an event
5. Interaction/sharing avoided AND horses quarantined for three weeks on return
6. Other

Using isolation

1. Isolation practices discouraged
2. Up to individual owner if they want to buy and use isolation equipment
3. Isolation only to be used when infectious disease is confirmed by a vet
4. Isolation just used for new horses or if there is an outbreak
5. Quarantine supplies always in stock and used as a precaution if there is any risk that a horse may be infected
6. Other

Communication

1. Talking about strangles avoided, disease hidden, owners of infected horse to be blamed and ostracised
2. Disease to be dealt with by owner, yard manager and vet with no other communication
3. All liveryes to be informed in case of an outbreak but no public statements made
4. Support for liveryes, provision of guidance and equipment, and public notifications in event of an outbreak
5. Protocol for new arrivals on yard website and all liveryes required to be proactive about using biosecurity and putting isolation in place as a precaution without fear of judgement
6. Other