



PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATE on Equine Herpesvirus 1 (EHV-1)

This is a follow-up to the information sent on May 18th. If you have any questions or concerns about this outbreak or equine activities in Kansas please contact the Kansas Horse Council office, 785-776-0662 or director@kansashorsecouncil.com. There are current event cancellation notices at www.kansashorsecouncil.com.

There is an outbreak of EHV-1 in the Western United States. Horses participating at the National Cutting Horse Association's Western Championships in Ogden, Utah April 30 - May 8, 2011 are believed to have had the opportunity to be exposed to EHV-1.

As of today, May 25, 2011 there are still no confirmed or suspected cases of EHV-1 or EHM in the state of Kansas. There are however lots of rumours and unverified information, which is understandable due to the health risks associated with this disease. Through personal contact and information from the KAHD we are very confident that there are no cases of the virus in Kansas. The Kansas Horse Council stays in close contact with the KS Animal Health Department to insure that our information is factual and accurate.

EHV-1 and EHM are "reportable" diseases which means veterinarians are required to report any cases to the Kansas Animal Health Department.

Horse owners should continue to use biosecurity cautions when hauling to events and facilities. Although some Kansas shows/events have been cancelled, the majority of equine activities are being held.

It is advisable, if traveling to any western states, to check with the state veterinarian or animal health department to be certain there are no requirements or restrictions for entry. Some states, along with Colorado, may have imposed additional travel requirements because of the EHV-1 outbreak.

Links for more information:
[AAEP EHV-1 Fact Sheet](#)

AHIS BioSecurity Check List
Kansas Animal Health Department
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