



Stablemate Tips

Biosecurity Checklist

Good Biosecurity Practice Checklist

1. Always wash your hands before and after attending to your horse.
2. Clean* and Disinfect* your boots on a regular basis.
3. Clean* and Disinfect* feed mangers and water buckets on a daily basis.
4. Clean* and Disinfect* Stables & Transport vehicles used to transport horses before and after use.
5. Avoid sharing transport with horses from other yards or with other animals.
6. When travelling take your own buckets and water where possible.
7. Avoid nose to nose contact between horses.
8. Ensure each horse has separate tack, rugs, feed, water buckets and grooming kit which is cleaned* and disinfected* regularly.
9. Ensure feed stores are kept clean, dry and tidy with food stored in vermin proof containers. Windows should be fitted with mesh and doors kept closed.
10. Protect your horses from flying, biting insects via use of insecticides, summer sheets, fly rugs and masks.
11. Dispose of Stable litter and manure away from horses and water courses keeping dry and covered whenever possible to avoid attracting flying, biting insects.
12. Gutters and drains should be kept clean* and clear.
13. Always turn off taps properly and promptly fix any leaks to avoid pooling of water.
14. Don't leave hosepipes in buckets whilst filling with water or leave them on the floor between uses. Drain hoses and hang between use.
15. Keep vehicles away from the stables and ensure they are kept clean inside and out including wheels, tyres and undersides. Visitor Parking should be away from the horses to prevent disease causing organisms being carried in on tyres and car floors.
16. Ensure entrance and exit gates are kept closed to prevent horses and other animals straying into and out from the yard. Ideally there should only be one entrance/exit into the yard.
17. Request all visitors to wear clean outer clothes and shoes or if you have a lot of visitors utilise footbaths and request that they walk through these.
18. Record the date and time of visitors to the yard in order that they can be traced and contacted if necessary.
19. Ensure all boundaries are intact and secure using double spaced fencing to prevent direct nose to nose contact on boundaries with other equine establishments.
20. It is advisable to be aware of your horse's normal temperature in order to be able to monitor them daily also noting any changes in their behaviour and if in doubt contact your Vet immediately.

*Always Clean with a high-quality Detergent such as BOXFRESH & CLEANSE and Disinfect with a DEFRA approved Disinfectant such as DIS-IN-FECT.