



Quarantine

All new arrivals should be quarantined, as well as those returning from stays away

Minimum of 2 weeks

Separate stables/fields – no nose to nose contact, preferably 40ft away from other horses

Separate water source, tack, grooming and cleaning equipment

Cleaned and fed last either by a separate person or wearing protective clothing

Wash and disinfect hands, Use disinfectant foot dip for boots.

Stable Design

Wood or concrete ok

Painted with marine paint (no pores in it so less likely to trap dirt)

Remember dirt floors CANNOT be disinfected – to thoroughly clean you must remove 20cm of dirt then replace

Concrete +/- rubber mats that can be removed and can easily be disinfected

Hayracks must be easy to remove to clean thoroughly

Cleaning - Reducing Infectious Load

(in the event of an outbreak)

Most pathogens (bugs) are associated with organic matter (faeces/mucus/pus/blood/urine)

- Cleaning alone removes 90% of bacteria
- Disinfection removes a further 6-7%
- Fumigation removes a further 1-2%

*****ALL disinfectants are inhibited (stopped) by organic matter*****

This means that items (including boots) must be clean for the disinfectant to work!

- ⇒ Remove/clean/disinfect all buckets, haynets etc.
- ⇒ Wet scrub wall and floor surfaces from top to bottom
- ⇒ Work from furthest to nearest the drain!
- ⇒ Avoid high-pressure cleaners
- ⇒ Use a detergent to loosen organic matter and emulsify fats
- ⇒ Rinse off detergent
- ⇒ Allow to dry BEFORE application of disinfectant
- ⇒ Apply disinfectant (wear suitable protective clothing)
- ⇒ Leave disinfectant on for at least 10 minutes
- ⇒ Rinse off disinfectant
- ⇒ Allow all surfaces to dry before re-using stable.



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