

FACT SHEET

Veterinary Packages AI - 2024

The Pre Breeding check includes:

CEM Swab / EVA blood tests / Vaginal examination / Ultrasound examination of uterus and ovaries.

Artificial Insemination packages includes:

All drugs for bringing a mare into oestrus and/or inducing ovulation;
Artificial Insemination;
14-17 day pregnancy scan and photo record;
28-30 day scan;
42 day scan.

The packages do not cover fees associated with clinical problems for example:

Uterine inflammation/infection;
Post insemination uterine lavage (where required);
Persistent dioestrus;
The management of twins;
Caslicks / vulvoplasty.

The packages do not cover visit fees or livery charges.

(N.B. visit fees are waived when 4 or more mares are seen in a single visit to the stud).

Owners who are not clients of this practice will be asked to pay in advance. Owners will be advised of any additional costs before such work is undertaken.

Pre breeding check £185.84 inc VAT
Artificial Insemination with Fresh/Chilled Semen - £350 inc VAT per cycle
Artificial Insemination with Frozen Semen (fixed time) - £450 inc VAT per cycle
Artificial Insemination with Frozen Semen (frequent scanning) - POA

Notes

Artificial insemination requires more veterinary input than natural service, and this is most intensive when frozen semen is used.

Stallion semen, once frozen and defrosted, has a short life-span of 6-12 hours. Mares must, therefore, be inseminated within 6 hours of ovulation. This lifespan compares with 48 hours for chilled semen and 3-5 days for fresh semen.

The time of ovulation can be pinpointed by either

Frequent (every 6 hours) ultrasound scanning of the ovaries during oestrus, or administration of a hormone to induce ovulation at a fixed time.

Conception rates for AI are around 80-90% and are comparable with natural service. It may, however, take more cycles for a mare to conceive with frozen semen: approximately 30-50% of mares becoming pregnant per insemination cycle, and some mares may take 3 to 5 cycles to conceive.

Our prices for storing frozen semen from the 1st April 2024 are as follows:

1-10 doses of frozen semen - £24.41 per month