

Ballylinch Stud – Requirements for 2023 Stud Season

1. Clitoral Swab – a certificate taken after 1st January 2023 from a recognised Veterinary Laboratory stating that the mare is negative for Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM), Klebsiella, Pseudomonas

2. Cervical Swab – Each mare will require a negative cervical swab taken in the heat in which she is to be covered.

3. Blood tests- EIA & EVA

Irish & UK based Mares –

One negative EIA blood test taken after 1st January 2023.

One EVA blood test taken after 1st January 2023 should be negative or have a stable/declining titre before arrival at Ballylinch. For mares that are seropositive with a stable or declining titre please inform the stud office prior to arrival.

Irish and UK based mares that have been mixed with imported (non UK) mares should have EVA and EIA blood samples retaken not less than 14 days after arrival of the last imported mare.

Imported Mares (excluding UK)

One blood test to be taken after 1st January 2023 and within 28 days prior to being imported should be negative for EIA, and negative for or have a stable/declining titre for EVA. A second blood test taken at least 14 days after arriving in Ireland is required.

NOTE – ALL MARES THAT ARE CHANGING STALLIONS DURING THE SEASON WILL REQUIRE A FURTHER CEM, EVA & EIA TEST BEFORE THE FIRST COVERING BY A BALLYLINCH STALLION.

4. Strangles

A negative blood test for Strangles (Strep equi ELISA) is required for all boarding mares before their arrival.

5. Dourine

Mares arriving from Italy and mares which have been in Italy since 1st January 2012 require a negative blood test for Dourine taken a minimum of 14 days after arrival in Ireland.

6. Vaccinations for Equine Herpes Virus must be up to date if the mare is to foal at Ballylinch Stud. The mare should be vaccinated at the 5th, 7th and 9th month of pregnancy. It is recommended that Barren and Maiden mares also receive a primary course of EHV vaccinations and a booster every 6 months.

7. Vaccinations for Rota virus (8th, 9th and 10th month of pregnancy) are required for all mares foaling at Ballylinch.

8. All mares should have received a flu vaccination within 6 months of arrival at Ballylinch. Foaling mares should receive a booster within 4-6 weeks of foaling. This can be done at Ballylinch Stud if required.

9. Passport – the mare's passport or copy of the same should accompany all mares for covering.

Please ensure passports of boarding mares are stamped Not For Human Consumption prior to arrival at Ballylinch, otherwise this will be done on arrival as part of our protocol.

10. All walk in mares require CEM, EVA, EIA and Cervical swab certificates as detailed above, plus a signed contract and passport or copy of passport. Prior notice should be given to Ballylinch Stud office as early as possible or at least 24 hours before covering time is required. Please arrange with your own vet for Ovuplants or Chorulon to be given to mares walking in- unfortunately it is not possible for Ballylinch to administer these at the covering shed.