

Merioneth County Show

Equine Flu - Important Update

Following an assessment of the latest information and having taken professional advice regarding Equine Flu, the Merioneth County Show Management Committee's initial decision was to monitor matters and in particular that all exhibitors should seek the advice of their veterinary practice.

Putting the welfare of horses first, within this fast-changing picture, the Society has further decided that all equines attending this year's Merioneth Show **must be properly vaccinated**.

The Society is now communicating this decision to all exhibitors and is fully mindful of the impact this difficult decision may cause.

We will however, continue to work with our own veterinary professionals, the Chief Veterinary Officer (Wales) and exhibitors to minimise the spread of animal disease.

Vaccination requirement

The Society expects all equine entries should have an up-to-date record of the necessary equine influenza vaccination in line with professional veterinary requirements.

This record must accompany every horse or pony and must be available for inspection prior to entering the Showground.

None of the vaccinations must have been given on the day of entry to the showground or on any of the six days before entry to the showground.

Note: Minimum requirements are the two primary vaccinations, plus seven days before entry to the showground. Foals six months of age or older must meet the minimum equine influenza vaccination requirement.

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