

## Terms and Conditions for 2009 Season

### Mare Health

**Strangles\*** – All mares must have a negative blood test for strangles before arrival. (This test is performed on a serum sample by the AHT, Newmarket – telephone 01638 750659.)

**CEM\*** – All mares covered naturally in 2007 or 2008 must have a negative swab for CEM (contagious equine metritis) taken after 1 January 2009. This may be taken before arrival or at the AI centre.

**EVA\*** – All mares imported from abroad must have a negative blood test for EVA (equine viral arteritis) before arrival. Mares that have not left the UK do not require testing, although we reserve the right to request testing where we feel it is appropriate.

**Passports** – All mares should travel with their passport, which will be retained at the stud during boarding. Up to date Flu and tetanus vaccination is advisable.

**Worming** – Mares and foals will be wormed every four to six weeks and owners charged accordingly.

**FARRIER** – All mares should have their back shoes removed before arriving at the stud. Mares and foals feet will be trimmed as necessary and owners charged accordingly.

\*Certificates and/or Lab Reports for Strangles, and where required for EVA, must be forwarded to Tower Equine Fertility Services at least 24 hours before the mare is due to arrive.

### Veterinary Treatment

**Pregnancy Scanning** – All mares should have a first pregnancy scan on the fifteenth or sixteenth day following insemination. A second scan to confirm pregnancy and obtain a heartbeat is advised.

**In Foal Fee** – An in foal fee of £100 plus vat is payable on all mares leaving Brackenspa Stud or Tower Farm in foal to chilled or frozen semen. If a mare leaves without a pregnancy scan she will be assumed to be in foal and the fee will be charged. If she is subsequently found to be not in foal before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 and this is confirmed by a vet's certificate, the fee will be returned.

**Veterinary Treatment** – Gibson & Lee Veterinary Surgeons reserve the right to provide any veterinary treatment they consider necessary for the welfare of mare and foal and to charge owners accordingly. In the event of an emergency we will attempt to contact the owner prior to treatment, but if this is not possible we will administer the treatment we consider most appropriate.

**Invoices** – The veterinary fees for all fixed price packages and any additional veterinary treatment are payable to Gibson & Lee before the mare leaves Brackenspa Stud or Tower Farm. Keep fees and any additional livery charges are payable

separately to Brackenspa stud or to Tower Farm, at the same time. Mares will not be allowed to leave before payment is made in full. VAT is charged on all accounts.

**Age Restriction** – The fixed price veterinary packages are not available to mares aged 16 years and over. Mares of this age are accepted for insemination but standard stud charges will apply.

### Insurance

All mares are at Brackenspa Stud and at Tower Farm at their owner's risk, and whilst every veterinary care will be taken Gibson & Lee (taken to include Tower Equine Fertility Services) is not liable for any damage, injury or illness to mare or foal. Gibson & Lee accepts no responsibility for visiting horses and does not provide insurance cover for them during their stay either at Brackenspa Stud or at Tower Farm. It is the individual responsibility of the owner to have their own comprehensive insurance cover.

All mares are inseminated at the owner's risk, and Gibson & Lee do not accept any liability for injury or damage to any mare howsoever caused.

All Frozen semen stored by Gibson & Lee is stored at the owner's risk and no liability is accepted for any damage or loss of semen. Whilst every effort will be made to coordinate the correct ordering and delivery of chilled semen, Gibson & Lee accepts no responsibility for failure of availability or arrival of semen.

### Termination

Gibson & Lee (take to include Tower Equine Fertility Services) reserve the right to terminate this agreement if we believe or have reason to believe that:

- it would not be in the welfare interest of the mare to continue
- the mare or foal poses an unacceptable risk to other horses or to handlers,
- the terms of the agreement as detailed above have not been complied with.

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In the event of deciding to send a mare to either Brackenspa Stud or Tower Farm, please sign and return a copy of these terms and conditions to Tower Equine Fertility Services.

I have read and agreed to all the conditions detailed above

Signed .....

Dated .....

Full Name .....