



**Saskatchewan
Horse Federation**

POSITION STATEMENT

EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANAEMIA (EIA SWAMP FEVER)

Equine Infectious Anaemia has reappeared as a disease of concern to equine owners in the province of Saskatchewan.

Any acute disease process which is thought to be highly infectious or threatening to the immediate population of horses requires our attention.

In the interest of protecting horses at competitions, boarding and stabling facilities off the owners' premises or in situations where there is a co-mingling of horses, incoming or outgoing, **the Health and Welfare Committee of the Saskatchewan Horse Federation strongly recommends the requirement for a negative EIA test on each horse.**

The ideal time for testing is March – May each year (prior to fly season), and after the first killing frost.

Regular EIA testing, with elimination or strict quarantine of positive reactors, has proven effective in control of the disease in Canada and in other countries.

Horse owners, lessees, facility operators and competition management have a responsibility to cooperate and partner in a program of control for this disease.

EIA brochures are available free of charge from the SHF Office:

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