Ridings Equine Vets
AI Packages

Ridings Equine Vets offer a range of packages for fresh, chilled and frozen artificial insemination (AI). Ridings Equine Vets is a BEVA listed practice experienced in the use of AI.
Below is listed what is and is not included in our AI packages. Please read the details through carefully so that you can decide which package is best suited to you needs.
If you have any questions after reading the details please call our repro vets, Jenny Staddon, Adam Pawson or Katie Brickman at the Practice on 07747771182. We look forward to hearing from you.

* Please note that for the 2022 season we are only able to offer AI for mares that come to the practice or those within a 5 mile radius of our base at Lumby (LS25 5JA).

AI at the Practice

what the package includes:

- All reproductive scanning immediately before and during the cycle to ensure optimum timing for insemination
- Insemination
- Fertility drugs: 1 dose of Estrumate to shorten the reproductive cycle, 1 dose of an ovulation agent to induce ovulation
- Microscopic evaluation of semen to assess quality of the sample (not available on yards)
- One post insemination lavage of the uterus to reduce fluid accumulation (One 1l bag Hartmans and flushing tube) if required and up to 3 doses of oxytocin injection
- Pregnancy scans at days: 15, 28
- Full stabled livery for 5 days & nights, daily turnout is available if preferred

Owner's Responsibilities

- Purchase and organise delivery of the semen and supply us with contact details for the stud and stallion.
- Semen collection cost from the stallion
- Insurance of your horse for vets' fees and third-party damage whilst at the clinic. Please note some insurance companies do not insure horses while they are at livery.
- Insurance of semen stored at the clinic. Semen is stored at the clinic at the owner's risk. (Only applies to frozen semen).

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What the packages don't include:

- Visit charges for scanning on yards. Our Free Visit charges and Zone Visit charges are not applicable to reproductive packages
- Sedation of the mare if necessary
- Additional drugs/fluids for treating endometritis: antibiotics, oxytocin, additional bags of fluids for flushing uterus
- Management and reduction of twin pregnancy
- Caslick procedure (suturing of the vulva) should this be beneficial to reduce uterine infection
- Laboratory fees (CEM, EVA, EIA, uterine swabs to investigate infertility)
- Livery beyond 5 days. Additional livery charges are £30 per day
- Examinations and scans beyond day 30 of pregnancy
- Any treatment required for a foal at foot.
- Assistance with foaling or post foaling checks
- Medical problems unrelated to the reproductive tract.
- For mares with a history of uterine infection, returning for a second cycle, or showing fluid in their uterus prior to insemination, we advise a swab and bacterial culture of the uterus so that suitable therapy can be performed prior to insemination. All these therapies are not included in the package.

Points to Note before Commencing AI:

- **All mares being inseminated at Ridings Equine Vets require health tests to be taken prior to arrival according to the HBLB code of practice for venereal diseases:**
    - **Negative Clitoral Swab for CEM**
    - **Negative EVA blood test within 1 month of admission**
    - **Vaccination for equine influenza**

Please note the costs of these tests are NOT included in the AI packages.

- There is no guarantee that a mare will get into foal. It should be noted that the chances of a mare becoming pregnant reduce from the age of 11 years onwards. Furthermore, the chance of a mare conceiving under frozen AI is worse than that for chilled AI (or natural service). Please bear this in mind when choosing a package.

- Payment for AI packages is required when the mare is dropped off at the Practice, or prior to the first visit.

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Charges

All prices include VAT (NB: Many veterinary practices do not include VAT when quoting their prices). All prices are per cycle. Payment: We require payment for the cost of each insemination prior to commencing each cycle (including livery or visit charges). Additional charges e.g. for sedation, or treatment for endometritis may occur.

Chilled AI at the practice - £475
Chilled AI on yard - £525 (NB additional visit charges will apply)
Frozen AI at the practice - £595

Prices quoted are per cycle. Subsequent cycles will be charged at the same rate.

PLEASE NOTE: WE REQUEST THAT PAYMENTS FOR THE INITIAL CHARGES ARE MADE PRIOR TO COMMENCING REPRODUCTIVE WORK