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Terms and Conditions

- 1) Service Agreement: All clients are required to fill in and sign the service agreement on/before arrival at the stud.
- 2) Passport: The passport must be arrive with the mare and be held by the stud until the mare departs.
- 3) Worming: It is recommended that horses are wormed prior to arriving at the stud. The stud holds the right to treat with a wormer if indicated, at the expense of the client.
- 4) Liability: Whilst all efforts are made, the stud does not hold any responsibility for damage, injury, illness or death to any visiting horse. It is recommended that the owner insures the horse against any damages. It is accepted that breeding and AI in mares carries risks and that the stud does not accept any responsibility for any injury sustained during this.
- 5) Vaccination: It is a requirement that visiting horses are up to date with their Equine Influenza vaccine, and we recommend tetanus cover is provided.
- 6) Testing: It is not required but is advised for mares to be tested for CEM and EVA prior to breeding.
- 7) Breeding Fitness: It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the mare is fit for breeding. The stud withholds the right to refuse any mare for breeding if we do not deem them fit and healthy.
- 8) Livery: The livery fee includes a stable, bedding, hay and water. We cannot offer grass livery. We aim to turn mares out for a short period in our turnout pen each day but it is accepted this may not always be possible due to time/weather restraints.
- 9) **Restraint:** The stud has the right to use a twitch/sedation if needed for safety of handlers and horses.
- 10) Farrier: All horses should arrive with feet in adequate condition having recently seen the farrier. Farrier costs are not included in the livery fee and if farrier attention is needed during their stay the owner will be invoiced for this. Our farrier is Garath Schofield.
- 11) Shoes: Mares must arrive without hind shoes. If the mare is expected to stay longer than their shoeing interval it is recommended shoes are removed before arriving.
- 12) Veterinary Treatment: All vet fees are incurred at the owner's expense. In the event of an emergency the stud will endeavour to contact the owner before any veterinary attention is sought or treatment is given. If the owner cannot be contacted then the stud holds the right to administer treatment and contact the vet without owner permission.
- 13) **Vices:** Any vices must be stated on the mare form.
- 14) Health Problems: Any known health problems must be stated on the form.
- 15) Feeding: Feed (excluding hay) is not included in the livery fee. Any feed required must be provided by the owner on arrival.
- 16) Belongings: Anything provided with the horse (rugs, headcollars etc.) must be stated on the mare form. It is advised they are named. The stud does not hold any responsibility for loss, theft or damage of any belongings.
- 17) Costs: Fees for chilled semen collection will be charged at £80 for first collection and £60 for subsequent collections for insemination in the one mare. Fees must be paid before semen is shipped. Al costs incurred whilst the mare is at the stud (eg. insemination) will be invoiced to the client and must be paid before the mare departs the stud.



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- 18) **Stud Fee:** The stud fee must be paid before any service is carried out. The stud fee covers the individual mare for the season, we do not honour a no foal no fee (or similar) policy. The stud fee covers the one mare only.
- 19) **Semen Collection:** Orders should be sent via phone/message/email at the earliest possible time. If possible prior notice to potentially needing semen in the coming week should be given. Orders should be placed before 10am the day before semen is needed; if orders are placed after this time there is no guarantee that we will be able to get semen delivered on time and the stud is not responsible in any loss of money from additional vet fees etc. Fees for chilled semen collection and postage must be paid before semen is shipped.
- 20) **Semen Shipping:** Semen is sent out by Royal Mail Special Delivery. Postage costs will be charged to the client. The stud does not hold any liability to the delivery of the semen, any losses or damage are not the stud's responsibility. The shipping box must be returned within 7 days, a charge of £5 a day will be incurred for any delay after 7 days.
- 21) **Semen Quality:** Every effort is made to ensure the semen is of adequate quality and is suitably processed/packaged before sending. On event that the semen if not of useable quality on arrival to the client/vet the stud does not hold any responsibility and fees are non-refundable. It is at the discretion of the stud on how they shall proceed.
- 22) **Stallions:** Information (tack, vices etc.) for visiting stallions must be completed on the stallion form. The stud does not hold any responsibility for any damage or injury to any visiting stallion; it is the responsibility of the owner to arrange insurance for their stallion.