Fundamentals of Reproduction – the Mare

Wednesday 2 February 2022

Course Description
The aim of the course is to provide new and recent graduates facing a stud season with an introduction to assessing mares prior and during the breeding season for natural covering and AI programs together with identifying and treating the problem mare, pregnancy diagnosis and investigation of abortion.

Lectures will include the breeding soundness examination including swabs and health requirements of the mare, the oestrous cycle and its management, preparing the mare for natural covering or AI, post breeding treatments and the problem mare, ultrasonography of the uterus and ovaries and the investigation of abortion.

In response to delegate feedback a new session has been added to this course. Delegates will be split according to scanning ability and practical hands-on scanning teaching and advice will be given on routine scanning and decision making.

Venue
Twemlows Hall
Whitchurch
Shropshire
SY13 2EZ

Price
BEVA Member £260
Non Member £520

10.5 CPD Hours

Suitable for RCVS Modules
C-E.9 Mare Reproduction and Breeding Management; C-E.16 Basic Equine Practice Part 2

Virtual Lectures
This course includes pre-learning which is expected to be completed prior to the course and will be available two weeks before the course date. This will allow the practical day to be focussed on practical skills and case discussion as your understanding of the material in the videos will be assumed.

Key Learning Objectives
- Understanding of managing mares on natural covering and AI breeding programs.
- Perform a breeding soundness examination of a mare.
- Identification of the problem breeding mare and formulation a plan for investigation and treatment.
- Interpretation of ultrasound examination of the mare reproductive tract in routine fertility management and pregnancy diagnosis.
- Investigate an abortion, analyse findings, and formulate a plan.

Course Organiser
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Speakers
Dr Frederic Barrelet DipVMS DrMedVet (Bern) MRCVS, Newmarket
Mr Charlie Cooke BVetMed MScCertEM (StudMed) MRCVS, Yorkshire
Miss Kelly Harrison-Tait BSc(Hons) BVSc CertAVP(ESM) MRCVS, Gloucestershire
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Mr John Spencer BVSc MRCVS, Shropshire

Full Course Programme

Virtual Programme
Breeding soundness examination in the mare including basics of the codes of conduct and paperwork
Oestrous cycle and its management/preparing mares for natural covering and A.I. programs
Routine post breeding treatments and the problem mare
Ultrasound examination of the reproductive tract and pregnancy diagnosis
Abortion and sampling

Practical Programme
09:45 Registration
10:00 Introduction
10:10 Panel Q and A on lectures, or case discussion
10:30 3 groups rotate around the following practical sessions. (Tea and coffee will be available during changeovers)
   Practical Session 1: Breeding soundness examination, (Ultrasound, biopsy, swabs).
   Practical Session 2: Subfertile mare (biopsy, lavage etc)
   Practical Session 3: Decision-making and hormone use and timing of A.I.
   Practical Session 4: Routine scanning
13:30 Lunch
14:15 Embryo transfer demo and hysteroscopy demo
15:15 3 groups rotate around the following practical sessions. (Tea and coffee will be available during changeovers)
   Practical Session: Scanning or small groups discussion based on ability. Tailored session for each group covering routine scanning and decision-making.
16:15 End of day

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