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MEMO: Equine Health Alert No. 2 – Equine Herpes Virus
Myeloencephalopathy
FROM: Dr. Phil LaRussa, Nevada State Veterinarian
TO: Nevada Horse Owners and Veterinarians

As of today:

1. There are no states that have closed their borders due to the EHV incident associated with the cutting horse event in Ogden, UT
2. Preliminary reports indicate that six laboratory confirmed horses have either died or have been euthanized over the last approx. 10 days. Additionally it appears that there are approx. 20 clinically ill horses with a confirmed diagnosis in CA, ID, UT, CO and NM.
3. Nevada has no (laboratory) confirmed positive horses in the state. An EHV-1 infection cannot be diagnosed based on clinical symptoms. Laboratory testing is required to identify the causative agent.
4. No premises have been quarantined in Nevada.
5. USDA is compiling a national status report which will be issued Friday, May 20th.
6. We have not cancelled any equine events in Nevada.

Links to EHV-1 information are provided below:

[A Guide To Understanding the Neurologic Form of EHV Infection](#)
[USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service Resources](#)
[American Assoc. of Equine Practitioners Fact Sheet](#)
[AAEP Biosecurity-general instructions.pdf](#)
[AAEP Bi-lingual Basic Barn Infection Control .pdf](#)

Any person suspecting or confirming a case of EHV-1 may call our office at (775) 353-3718 or Dr. Anette Rink at (775) 353-3700 to report cases.

Sincerely,

Phil LaRussa
State Veterinarian/Administrator