

NEW FOREST & HAMPSHIRE COUNTY SHOW
28th, 29th, 30th July 2026
EQUINE INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS & PASSPORT CHECKS



Following recent veterinary advice and the continued monitoring of Equine Influenza cases, we would like to remind all exhibitors, competitors, and attendees of the Show's Equine Influenza vaccination requirements.

The health and welfare of all equines attending the Show remains our priority, and these measures are intended to help minimise the risk of disease transmission and protect the wider equine community.

All owners, handlers, and competitors are asked to carefully review the information below and ensure that their equines fully comply with the requirements prior to arrival at the Showground.

Equine Influenza

All equines (horses, ponies, and donkeys) attending the Show must be vaccinated against Equine Influenza.

The primary vaccination course consists of **three vaccinations**:

- First vaccination.
- Second vaccination administered **21-60 days** after the first vaccination.
- Third vaccination administered **120-180 days** after the second vaccination.

Equines may compete after receiving the second vaccination of the primary course, provided that **at least 7 days have elapsed since the vaccination**.

Following completion of the primary course, equines must receive booster vaccinations in accordance with current veterinary guidance. Equines attending the Show must have received a vaccination within the **6 months prior to the Show**. No equine may attend or compete within 7 days of receiving any Equine Influenza vaccination.

Foals

Foals under the age of six months being shown at foot with mares can enter the showground without being vaccinated themselves, subject to the mare complying with the above rules prior to foaling, so sufficient influenza antibodies will have passed to the foal in the colostrum.

In-foal mares that have already completed their primary Equine Influenza vaccination course, a booster vaccination 4-6 weeks prior to foaling is recommended. However, mares that have not received this booster remain eligible to compete, provided they completed the primary vaccination course before foaling.

Foals should commence their primary Equine Influenza vaccination course at 6 months of age.

Additional Information

The vaccination requirements may be subject to change in line with guidance issued by the relevant governing bodies. We will continue to monitor the situation closely in the lead-up to the Show and will communicate any updates as necessary.

All equines will have their microchips checked to ensure they correspond with both the animal and its passport. Vaccination records for horses, ponies and donkeys will also be verified to ensure they are present, up to date, and match the relevant animal.

We ask that your equines temperature is checked before leaving your premises. If your equine has an elevated temperature or is displaying any signs of illness, you must not bring it to the Show.

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Please note that additional checks will be carried out upon arrival at the Showground. These will include verification of passports, submission of a signed health declaration form which will need to be completed prior to arrival and inspection of equines entering the Show. These checks will be conducted prior to the unloading of any horses, ponies, or donkeys so please allow additional time for this process.

If any entry found without a valid in-date vaccination record or a passport that can identify the equine will be refused entry into the showground and this refusal will then also apply to any other equines in the same vehicle or trailer, even if they are compliant.

A valid record of vaccination must be available on request either at entry to the Showground or at any time during the Show. Failure to produce evidence of vaccination will result in refusal of entry or immediate removal from the Showground.

Please note that neither vaccination certificates nor passports should be sent to the Show Office prior to the event.

We would also like to make you aware that competitor numbers will be available for collection once passport verification has been completed, the health declaration form has been submitted, and all equines entering the Show have undergone inspection.

If you have any questions please contact Beth Prince – beth@newforestshow.co.uk or 01590 634191