

## **Dulverton West Pony Club Guidelines for Rallies/events including COVID and EHV 1**

We want everyone to enjoy their rallies and keep members and ponies safe at all times. To help to do this please follow the guidance set out below. If you are unsure of anything please contact Hannah, Lisa, or Sara by emailing [dulvertonnorthmolton@pcuk.org](mailto:dulvertonnorthmolton@pcuk.org)

### **Passports and Equine Flu Vaccinations**

A reminder that any horse or pony attending a Pony Club activity must be accompanied by their passport. The first and second Equine Flu vaccination injections must have been given and, if needed, correct subsequent booster injections.

### **EHV-1**

There is increased concern over the impact of Equine Herpes, (EHV-1), in the UK. The recent outbreak on the continent has so far claimed the lives of 17 horses.

The pony club have stated that no horse/pony with the following symptoms should attend any pony club event

- recent cough of unknown cause
- recent nasal discharge of unknown cause
- enlarged lymph nodes
- fever (>38.5°C)
- recent onset of neurological signs of unknown cause
- diarrhoea

In addition the horse or pony:

- is not under current investigation for EHV infection.
- has not been in contact with and is not kept on the same premises as a horse known to have or be under investigation for EHV.
- has been resident in the UK for the last 28 days.

If the horse or pony shows any of these clinical signs on the day of the activity it must not travel nor attend the training or competition. It is advised to contact your vet if your horse/pony shows any of these signs. Your vet can also advise on possible prevention options.

Our priority is the welfare and safety of our horses and ponies. In addition, as we start the journey out of human lockdown, we do not want to see our equestrian sport locked down.

### **TO DO PRIOR TO A RALLY/EVENT**

Please do the following prior to attending any rally/event.

- Email the [dulvertonnorthmolton@pcuk.org](mailto:dulvertonnorthmolton@pcuk.org) if you cannot attend an event you are booked in on for any reason or if your pony/horse has EHV symptoms
- Read the Rally risk assessment on the pony club website password is DWPONYCLUB
- Read the Covid 19 risk assessment on the pony club website password is DWPONYCLUB
- Read the Tack check information and do the checks prior to starting the rally also on the website using above password.

## Things to Remember

- A Covid Officer (member of the PC Committee) will be appointed to check guidance is being followed.
- It is vital that social distancing of 2 metres is observed at all times.
- Please wash or sanitise your hands on arrival and departure from a venue, we suggest you bring your own sanitisers, however the pony club will have some available if necessary.
- Please bring a drink and snack with you and water for your pony. You will not be able to use the venues facilities.
- Some venues are not allowing us to use their toilet facilities so please bear this in mind.
- When travelling to a training session you must only be with a member of your household in an enclosed space.
- Upon arrival to a training session think about where you are parking and the proximity to others when moving around your vehicle with and without your horse at least 5 metres apart.
- Please do not greet other members closer than 2 metres and do not congregate in groups larger than those allowed currently 6. Please remain at all times with your designated riding group members do not go over to greet members from a different riding group during or after your rally. The idea of the groups is so you all remain in that bubble.
- If spectating because your child is being taught you will be included in the 'gathering' number if you are within the perimeter of the ridden arena, or similar space within a field. Observe the appropriate distance to ensure the safety of the coach, riders, and other spectators.
- A parent must remain on site at all times should they be needed in case of first aid of their child etc, but must not be involved with the event unless asked by the instructor.
- Please do not walk around areas/buildings/stables we have not booked for the session.
- Once the rally is over please untack load up and leave the venue asap.
- Do not entry any buildings or areas that you are now permitted to do so.
- You must abide by all venue rules, they have specific policies and procedures in place to ensure everyone's safety, please follow their signage/requests and any additional info sent prior to the rally/event.

## If my Child falls off and needs a first aider what happens?

If your child falls off you as the parent will have to see to your child. The designated first aider will explain what you need to do by standing 2 metres away from you. They will also advise on the next steps, they feel maybe appropriate. A first aid box will be at each rally, together with the appropriate accident forms.

## Venue

Please make sure that when you leave you take all belongings home with you and leave the area as you found it. Do not muck out trailers/lorries in the car park areas and clean up after your horse where possible. Do not tie your horse/pony to the trailer. We want to be able to use these venues on a regular basis so it is important that we keep them tidy when we have used them. Thank you for your co-operation.

Website password for members area is DWPONYCLUB.