



THE THOROUGHBRED  
BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

## **Reported Abortion/Neonatal Foal Death**

### **EHV Screening Subsidy Requirements**

The TBA recognises the vital importance of screening for the presence of EHV-1 at recognised laboratories. While EHV is not notifiable by law, the TBA encourages breeders to notify Stanstead House of all cases of an equine abortion or neonatal foal death that have taken place where EHV infection is suspected. This is in order to monitor any disease outbreaks, to act to prevent further spread of the disease by facilitating communication between relevant bodies and to provide any necessary information, advice and guidance to TBA members.

A £100 subsidy towards the cost of screening is available to members who meet the following conditions:

- 1 In the case of an equine abortion or neonatal foal death (occurring within 14 days of birth) where EHV is the suspected cause of death, screening for EHV must be carried out at an approved laboratory (list available at [www.thetba.co.uk](http://www.thetba.co.uk)).**
- 2 The stud/mare owner must notify the TBA of an abortion/neonatal foal death undergoing investigation for possible EHV infection within 3 days of its occurrence, and must complete the TBA abortion/neonatal foal death report form and return it by mail, email, fax or over the telephone.**
- 3 The stud/mare owner must subsequently notify the TBA of the result of the investigation within 3 days of receiving it, and confirm whether EHV infection has or has not been implicated in the abortion/death.**
- 4 A copy of the laboratory post mortem report must be submitted to the TBA within 14 days of the report date. This must contain name of the owner of the mare, name of the mare, date samples were taken and received, the positive or negative result of the EHV screening and the charges incurred.**
- 5 The foetus/dead foal must be from a Thoroughbred mare residing in the United Kingdom and which is owned by a TBA member.**

Please note that if any of the above criteria is not adhered to, the TBA reserve the right to withhold the £100 subsidy.