



### MOHAATHER STATEMENT – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

After communication from a breeder we have been made aware of the following situation, please see below veterinary statement for the details. If anybody has any queries regarding coverings please contact myself, whilst for questions on EVA please contact the vets below.

**Mark Dean, Stallion Manager**

### VETERINARY REPORT

On the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 MOHAATHER covered a mare, the required two negative EVA (Equine Viral Arteritis) blood results were provided, however since the mating a further blood test result has become available that indicates the mare has a positive serum neutralisation antibody titre for EAV (Equine Arteritis Virus) indicating she may have been infected at the time of mating.

Guidance from the HBLB Codes of Practice has been followed and MOHAATHER immediately, once this result was known, stopped covering and has been placed in strict isolation at the Nunnery Stud, Thetford whilst further testing is undertaken to determine if any transmission of infection may have occurred. As EVA is a notifiable disease, the relevant Government agency has been informed, APHA vets are investigating and have placed isolation and breeding restrictions on both MOHAATHER and the mare concerned.

Up to this time MOHAATHER and the mare have not shown any clinical signs. The mare is a UK based mare and is reported to of not been outside the UK or Ireland. There hasn't been any recent movement of other horses from outside the UK to the premises or any recent artificial insemination of sport horse mares on the site. All the other mares on the premises were blood tested yesterday by the ELISA EVA assay and were reported to all be negative.

The owners of 5 mares covered by MOHAATHER since the seropositive mare and who may also be at risk have been informed. The mares have been placed in isolation and owners advised, in conjunction with their own veterinary surgeon to follow the guidance in the HBLB Codes of Practice.

Both BAAEED and MOSTAHDAF have not been affected and are able to continue covering duties, as an extra precaution routine EAV surveillance sampling is being undertaken on these two stallions as well. If any mare owners have any concerns regarding a possible risk in visiting the two stallions they can contact me or their attending veterinary surgeon for further advice.

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