

Buckingham Equine Vets

AI Packages 2023

For the 2023 breeding season we have produced a highly competitive package for both chilled and frozen artificial insemination (AI)

Buckingham Equine Vets is a BEVA listed practice experienced in the use of AI. Please see the 'Breeding department' page on our website for more details on the processes involved in AI and the difference between chilled and frozen AI.

Below is listed what is and is not included in our AI packages. Please read the details through carefully so that you can decide which package is best suited to you needs.

If you have any questions after reading the details please call our head repro vet, **Andrew Wallace**, at the clinic on **01908 560789**. We look forward to hearing from you.

AI at the Clinic

What the package includes:

- All reproductive scanning immediately before and during the cycle
- Insemination
- Fertility drugs: 1 dose of Estrumate to shorten the reproductive cycle, 1 dose of ovulation induction agent (e.g. Chorionic Gonadotrophin [Chorulon] or deslorelin) to more accurately time ovulation.
- Microscopic evaluation of semen to assess quality of the sample (not available on yards)
- One post insemination lavage of the uterus to reduce fluid accumulation (One 1l bag Hartmans and flushing tube) if required
- Pregnancy scans at days: 14, 28
- Full stabled livery for 4 days & nights

AI at yards

What the package includes:

- As above for AI at the clinic but excluding livery
- Additional visit charges to yards within the area covered by the Practice. (NB: Our free visit offer for routine work does not apply). Please contact us for further details of visit costs to a specific area.

Owner's responsibilities

- Purchase and organise delivery of the semen
- Semen collection cost from the stallion
- Insurance of your horse for vets fees and third party damage while at the clinic. Please note some insurance companies do not insure horses while they are at livery.
- Insurance of semen stored at the clinic. Semen is stored at the clinic at the owner's risk.

What the packages don't include:

- Visit charges for scanning on yards. Our Free Visits charges are not applicable to reproductive packages. Please phone us to discuss visit charges to your area.
- Sedation of the mare.
- Additional drugs/fluids for treating endometritis: antibiotics, oxytocin, additional bags of fluids for flushing uterus.
- Management and reduction of twin pregnancy
- Caslick procedure (suturing of the vulva) should this be beneficial to reduce uterine infections
- Laboratory fees (CEM, EVA, EIA, uterine swabs to investigate infertility).
- Livery beyond 4 days. Additional livery charges are approximate £25 per day.
- Examinations and scans beyond day 30 of pregnancy
- Assistance in foaling
- Post foaling checks
- Medical problems unrelated to the reproductive tract.
- For mares with a history of uterine infection, returning for a second cycle, or showing fluid in their uterus prior to insemination we advise a swab and bacterial culture of the uterus so that suitable therapy can be performed prior to insemination. All these therapies are not included in the package.

Points to note before commencing AI:

- There is no guarantee that a mare will get into foal. It should be noted that the chances of a mare becoming pregnant markedly reduces as she gets older from the age of 11 years onwards.
- We recommend budgeting for an average of **3 breeding cycles** to achieve pregnancy.
- To show our commitment to achieving a successful pregnancy we only charge an '**in foal fee**', if the mare is confirmed in foal at day 28 after insemination. If the mare is not in foal, no 'in foal fee' is charged.
- Payment of the package charge is required **prior to commencing AI and insemination**. Other charges, including additional reproduction costs and our 'in-foal fee' is required within our terms of business, i.e. within 2 weeks of invoicing for the work performed.
- Commonly mares are assessed on a Thursday or Friday either at our clinic or on yard. This enables us to manipulate her reproductive cycle so that she is due to be inseminated later the following week when semen is available and to avoid the weekend when semen delivery can be problematic.

Charges

*All prices include VAT. All prices are per cycle. Payment: We require payment for the cost of each insemination prior to commencing each cycle (including livery or visit charges). The 'in foal fee' is due within 14 days of the positive 28 day scan. Additional charges e.g. for sedation, or treatment for endometritis may occur. Remember to budget for **at least 3 breeding cycles**.*

Chilled AI on yard - £295, plus in foal fee £100 (NB additional visit charges - £25 to £60 per visit)

Chilled AI at the clinic (daily visiting mare to clinic)- £295, plus in-foal fee £100 (NB excludes all livery costs)

Chilled AI at the clinic (with livery)- £395, plus in-foal fee £100 (NB includes 4 days full livery)

Frozen AI at the clinic (with livery)- £495, plus in foal fee £100 (NB includes 4 days full livery)

Frozen AI on yard – Not available