

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI) FEES - 2023

We have been running an artificial insemination service here for more than 18 years. Over this time we have identified many key factors that require careful consideration when deciding to breed from your mare.

We recommend all potential AI mares should have a detailed 'pre-breeding' examination. We offer a '**pre-breeding package**' which includes:

- A thorough gynaecological assessment
- Ultrasonography of the reproductive tract
- A blood test for equine viral arteritis (EVA)
- A clitoral swab for contagious equine metritis (CEM)

The cost of this **pre-breeding package is £180 (incl VAT)**. This includes lab fees but does not include any call out fees. All mares and stallions involved in our AI program will need to be confirmed free of venereal infection (CEM and EVA) by routine bloods and swabs taken **after 1st January 2023**, before being accepted for breeding purposes.

AI package fees **include** the cost of routine veterinary examinations and ultrasound scans during the mare's oestrus period; a 14-16 day pregnancy scan and 28-30 day heart beat scan (which must be performed at the clinic). Any procedures that are not considered routine would be discussed with the owner. Please be aware these procedures would incur extra cost, such as treatment for a uterine infection.

We prefer and strongly recommend for mares to be kept at the hospital for their oestrus period. This enables us to monitor the mare closely with frequent examinations if necessary, in addition to providing a safe and clean location for the procedures to be performed. AI with chilled semen can be performed at home depending on the nature of the horse and facilities available. Please call Bell Equine to discuss the costs for the package in this situation. With frozen semen, due to the nature of the semen storage and handling, the mare **MUST** be brought to the clinic.

AI CHILLED SEMEN PACKAGE - £450 (incl VAT)

- Grass livery (5 days included)
- Endometrial swab and smear (to check for endometritis)
- All routine gynaecological procedures, including ultrasound examinations
- Routine breeding medications – Oxytocin / Deslorelin / Estrumate (as required)
- Induction of ovulation
- Semen ordering and handling (excluding shipping fees)
- Semen evaluation and insemination
- Post ovulation check, including one uterine lavage (if required)
- 14-16 day pregnancy scan & 28-30 day heart beat scan at Bell Equine

AI FROZEN SEMEN PACKAGE - £550 (incl VAT)

- Grass livery (5 days included) & 1 night stabling
- Endometrial swab and smear (to check for endometritis)
- All routine gynaecological procedures, including ultrasound examinations
- Routine breeding medications – Oxytocin / Deslorelin / Estrumate (as required)
- Induction of ovulation
- Semen ordering and handling (excluding shipping fees)
- Preparation, handling and thawing of frozen semen
- Semen evaluation and insemination
- Post ovulation check, including one uterine lavage (if required)
- 14-16 day pregnancy scan & 28-30 day heart beat scan at Bell Equine

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If your mare does not conceive on the first cycle, the second is available at a reduced cost:

- Repeat chilled semen package - **£350 (incl VAT)**
- Repeat frozen semen package - **£450 (incl VAT)**

Potential additional costs for consideration:

- Any visit fees for work performed away from the clinic
- Pre-AI package ultrasound scans (to determine stage of cycle) - **£42**
- Pre-insemination health tests (EVA, CEM - see the 'Pre-breeding Package')
- Semen importation / shipping fees, and the potential cost of returning any unused semen at the end of the season
- Treatment for endometritis – depending on circumstances & treatment, this could be between **£50 & £300+**
- Repeated uterine lavage - **£45**
- Caslick's procedure - **£56**
- Sedation - **£25**
- Twinning - **£75**
- Extra nights livery (over 5 days included in package) or stabling rather than grass livery: Additional cost for stabling during the 5 days - **£125**; additional night grass livery per night - **£32**; additional night stabled per night - **£52.50**.

N.B. For both frozen and chilled inseminations, mares which are at higher risk of twins are recommended to have TWO scans between 14-18 days.

If insemination is not completed during a 5-day cycle, there is a reduced fee of **£250**

All stallion semen must have full original paperwork confirming it is disease free before it will be accepted at the hospital. Mares CANNOT be inseminated until this paperwork is available and in order.

STORAGE OF FROZEN SEMEN: Frozen semen can be stored at the clinic **during the breeding season (1st April – 1st September)**. Clients are encouraged to make other storage arrangements and have the semen removed by **1st September**. Further information is available on storage facilities on request. However, semen storage at Bell will be charged at £200 for any remaining doses from 1st September through to 31st March. **Frozen semen stored at the clinic is at the mare owner's own risk, whom is also responsible for the insurance of the semen.**

PAYMENT FOR THE STANDARD AI PACKAGE FEE IS DUE ON ADMISSION OF THE MARE TO THE HOSPITAL. ANY FURTHER COSTS INCURRED WILL BE DUE ON DISCHARGE AND OUR NORMAL 5% DISCOUNT SCHEME FOR PROMPT PAYMENT ON DISCHARGE WILL APPLY.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the any of the team at **BELL EQUINE** who are involved in our equine breeding programme on **01622 813700**. For further information on all aspects of breeding, please see our website: www.bellequine.com

