

**Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England)
Regulations 2018 (as amended)**

Veterinary Inspector's Report – Adding Horses to an Existing Licence

This inspection must only be carried out by a suitably qualified veterinary surgeon who is registered with the RCVS to practice in England.

This report should be completed with reference to the RCVS Guidance for Local Authorities and their Riding Establishments Inspectors in England – <https://www.rcvs.org.uk/document-library/riding-establishment-guidelines/>

Name of Local Authority:
HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
Licence Number:
Full Address of Riding Establishment:
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Name of Owner and Full Address:
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Name of Licence Holder and Full Address (if different from above):
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Name and Job Title of Person Present at Inspection (if different from above):
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Name of Veterinary Inspector
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Full Practice Address of Veterinary Inspector:
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Date of Inspection:
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1. Description of Business(es) Operating from these Premises (indicate all that apply)

Licensable activities i.e. involving horses / ponies / donkeys / mules / hinnies hired for riding or instruction in riding.

Riding school using school's own horses or part liveryes	YES		NO	
Hacking horses for hire	YES		NO	
Hunters for hire	YES		NO	
Trekking horses and ponies	YES		NO	
Trail riding horses and ponies	YES		NO	
Polo ponies hired for practice, instruction or match playing	YES		NO	
Beach donkeys or ponies	YES		NO	
Ponies for pony parties involving riding	YES		NO	
Club including riding as part of membership	YES		NO	
College including riding as part of curriculum	YES		NO	
Horses provided on long-term leases for riding	YES		NO	
Other business (please specify).....	YES		NO	
Are any of the activities above seasonal?	YES		NO	

If 'yes', please specify what happens to the horses / ponies / donkeys / mules / hinnies out of season, specifically, where they are housed and whether these facilities are available for inspection or not:

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Other activities not requiring a licence:

Riding instruction on rider's own horse or pony	YES		NO	
Livery yard for privately owned horses and ponies	YES		NO	
Training establishment for private horses or ponies	YES		NO	
Horses for sale (not for hire)	YES		NO	
Breeding establishment or stud	YES		NO	
Farm	YES		NO	
Horses for driving	YES		NO	
Ponies for pony parties not involving riding	YES		NO	
Other animal establishment (specify).....	YES		NO	
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Other business (specify).....	YES		NO	
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2. The Horse(s)

N.B. For ease, the remaining sections of this form refer to horses but this is taken to include ponies, donkeys, mules and hinnies.

1. Total number of horses on the premises

2. Number of horses on the premises used wholly or partly (part livery) for licensable activities as indicated above **already included on the current licence**

3. **Number of horses to be inspected for inclusion onto the current licence.**

4. Number of horses on site **not** used for licensable activities

Licence Holder / Manager / Owner's declaration

I hereby confirm that I have presented for inspection all horses as referred to under **2.3** above.

Name (PRINTED): _____
(Licence Holder/Manager/Owner)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

3. Horse Inspection

ALL horses on the premises may, at the decision of the veterinary inspector, be inspected under the Regulations. **All horses in 2.3 above must be inspected.**

Inspectors should use the '**Schedule of Horses Inspected**' attached to this report to provide additional notes on the condition of each individual horse.

1. Are the horses visited at suitable intervals?	YES		NO	
2. Are the horses adequately:	a) Rested?	YES	NO	
	b) Exercised?	YES	NO	
	c) Groomed?	YES	NO	
	d) Supplied with bedding?	YES	NO	
	e) Supplied with food and water?	YES	NO	
3. Is there a satisfactory infectious disease control programme?	YES		NO	
a) Are the horses routinely vaccinated against:	Tetanus?	YES	NO	
	Influenza?	YES	NO	
	Other (specify)	YES	NO	
b) If no, was vaccination against disease discussed?	YES		No	

Please note that vaccination is not a legal requirement under the Regulations, but veterinary inspectors should indicate whether this was discussed.

4. Is there a written procedure in place for the prevention/control of disease and monitoring health of horses?	YES		NO	
5. Is there provision for isolation of new horses? This might include an isolation paddock or an isolation stable.	YES		NO	
a) Testing of new horses for strangles* (specify test).....	YES		NO	
b) Detail any other steps that are taken				

*Testing for strangles is particularly important on a multi-equine business premises. If necessary, include further details in a separate letter and attach this to the report.

6. Is there a satisfactory parasite control programme?	a) Faecal worm counts?	YES		NO	
	b) Strategic worming?	YES		NO	
7. Is adequate First Aid equipment for horses available?	YES		NO		
8. Is the farriery and foot care satisfactory?	YES		NO		
9. Condition and type of horses:					
a) Are the horses generally in good condition?	YES		NO		
b) Do they appear capable of the work required of them?	YES		NO		
10. Injured or sick horses or those otherwise incapable of work for any reason:					
a) Have any injured or sick horses, or horses otherwise incapable of work, been found during the inspection?	YES		NO		

If yes, give details on a separate letter and attach this to the report.

4. Saddlery and Tack

1. Is there adequate storage for the saddlery and other tack?	YES		NO	
2. Is saddlery/tack free from signs of defect or damage likely to cause suffering to the horse or accident to the rider?	YES		NO	
3. Is saddlery/tack suitable for use on the horses on these premises?	YES		NO	
4. Equine Identification Regulations 2018:				
a) Has the owner/manager confirmed that passports are available for the horses?	YES		NO	
b) Have the passports for all horses presented for inspection been checked	YES		NO	
5. Animal Welfare Act 2006:				
a) Are the provisions of the Equine Code for England broadly complied with?	YES		NO	

6. Management

1. To the best of your knowledge, is the applicant suitable to manage and care for horses and supervise the establishment?		YES		NO	
2. Please indicate on what basis the applicant has been deemed suitable – you need only select one:					
Previous licence holder		Qualifications		Experience	
Details (e.g. how many years, which establishment/s, which local authority/ies)					
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3. Are there any recommendations for improvements?		YES		NO	

If yes, please specify in a separate letter and attach this to the report.

Veterinary Inspector's Declaration

I hereby confirm that I am a current member of the **Riding Establishments Inspectorate (as maintained by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons)** and / or a current member of the **Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons** and that this inspection has been carried out in accordance with the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 (as amended), and the Schedule of Horses report is also completed.

Name of Veterinary Inspector:
(PRINTED)

Name of Veterinary Practice.....

Signed:

Date:

A copy of this report, the completed Schedule of Horses, and any additional paperwork is to be sent to the following address:

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Herefordshire
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