



PARAGON STRANGLES POLICY FOR AI MARES

We successfully implemented our Strangles testing policy in 2021. This was due to local outbreaks and the desire to protect the valuable mares and foals that will be visiting the practice for AI from exposure to Strangles.

All mares coming to Paragon for AI will require a negative strangles serology (blood sample) 1-2 weeks prior to their arrival. A copy of the serology result must be emailed to equine@paragonvet.com by the testing vets or yourselves as owners.

What do the results mean?

Negative strangles serology - mares may come to the practice without any further testing.

Positive Strangles serology - mares will require a guttural pouch wash for PCR testing. A negative PCR is required before horses can arrive at the practice.

Equivocal strangles serology – mares will require a second serology 2 weeks after the first sample to determine carrier status, versus recent exposure to Strangles. These horses should be monitored for nasal discharge and a raised temperature during this time. If clients would like their horse to come for AI sooner, then they can have a guttural pouch wash for PCR testing. This will provide a faster result and will enable the mare to enter the premises if the PCR is negative.

We ask that mares stay on the same yard between testing and arrival at the practice to reduce the risk of exposure to Strangles post testing. Good bio-security practices should be implemented on the yard including the quarantine of new arrivals/ horses that have travelled off the premises and by reducing the mixing of different groups of horses.

The flow chart below simplifies the testing system. If you would like to discuss our Strangles testing policy further or your mares results please give us a call on 017684 83789.

