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Delaware Equine Herspesvirus (EHV-1) update

Quarantine lifted at second farm

On Friday morning, January 9, 2009, Dr. Heather Hirst, Delaware State Veterinarian, and Mr. Bob Moore, Supervisor Inspector, lifted the quarantine at the second farm that had one horse diagnosed with neurologic EHV-1 in December 2008.

All thirty horses in the quarantined barn were sampled on Wednesday, January 7. On January 9, results received from the University of Kentucky (UK) indicated that all horses in the barn were PCR test negative on both blood and nasal swabs. All horses were inspected by Hirst and Moore, and the quarantine was lifted on January 9.

Please note: The quarantine at the first farm that had one horse diagnosed with neurologic EHV-1 was lifted on December 31, 2008.

Dr. Hirst said, "I want to thank everyone in the Delaware equine community, the Delaware racing community, and my staff at the Department of Agriculture for their outstanding work and cooperation that enabled us to contain this EHV-1 incident and protect Delaware's equine population."

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