

# Darley

## The Stud Office

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### To All Mare Owners Sending Mares To:

Dubawi	Farhh
Harry Angel	Iffraaj
Inisherin	Modern Games
Palace Pier	Perfect Power
Pinatubo	Rosallion
Too Darn Hot	Triple Time

## Breeding Requirements 2026 Season

The Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) International Codes of Practice will be strictly applied to all Mares and Stallions for breeding purposes with respect to the control of Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA), Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1), Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA), Dourine, Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM) and other Equine Bacterial Venereal Diseases, as well as additional precautions that are considered necessary by the Newmarket Stud Farmers' Association. The HBLB International Codes of Practice can be found online at <http://codes.hblb.org.uk> or on free HBLB App: EquiBioSafe.

Please note: - Mares arriving from outside the United Kingdom and Ireland should not be travelled with non-thoroughbreds or any other equidae unless these meet the same disease screening requirements for CEMO, EVA, EIA and other equine infectious diseases as are laid down in these regulations. All correctly completed international travel documents should accompany the mare(s).

It is of the utmost importance that mares should be kept separate from all non-thoroughbreds with the exception of foster mares providing that they have been fully tested as per these Regulations. If this is not the case, it should be reported to the Stallion Stud well in advance of covering.

### Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM)

#### Mares classified as low risk:

Before first time of covering low risk mares will require **one** negative clitoral swab test and **one** negative endometrial swab test taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 with the latter taken during oestrus. Swab test results must certify negative culture or PCR results for **Taylorella equigenitalis (CEMO), Klebsiella pneumoniae (capsule types 1, 2, & 5) and Pseudomonas aeruginosa** by a British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) Approved Laboratory or other National Approved Laboratory in Ireland or France. **Swab certificates from Laboratories in other countries will not be accepted, unless the Laboratory is accredited by the BEVA Laboratory Approval Scheme, following quality assurance testing. Immunofluorescence test (IFT) results will not be accepted.** The Stallion Stud Manager may, at his or her discretion, on veterinary advice, allow mating to proceed on the basis of satisfactory results from aerobic culture of endometrial swabs if adequate clitoral swabbing has already been carried out. However, the microaerophilic endometrial culture or PCR endometrial swab results should be sent to the stallion stud as soon as they are available.

Repeat endometrial swab tests during all subsequent oestrus periods must be cultured aerobically or PCR tested for **Klebsiella Pneumoniae & Pseudomonas Aeruginosa**, and results certified before the mare is covered. Microaerophilic cultures or PCR testing for CEMO are still recommended and full results should follow afterwards if covering has already taken place.

#### Mares classified as high risk:

High risk mares - those who have had previous contact with CEMO or **who originate from countries outside France, Germany, Ireland, Italy and the United Kingdom** (a full definition of high / low risk status can be found at Appendix 2 of the HBLB International Codes of Practice <http://codes.hblb.org.uk>) - require **two** negative clitoral swabs:

The **first** clitoral swab test to be taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

The **second** clitoral swab test to be taken a minimum of 7 days after the first clitoral swab was taken.

One negative endometrial swab test taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 during the oestrus prior to service.

Clitoral and endometrial swab test results must certify negative culture or PCR results for **Taylorella equigenitalis (CEMO), Klebsiella pneumoniae (capsule types 1, 2, & 5) and Pseudomonas aeruginosa** by a British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) Approved Laboratory or other National Approved Laboratory in Ireland or France. **Swab certificates from Laboratories in other countries will not be accepted and tests will need to be repeated at the boarding stud, unless the Laboratory is accredited by the BEVA Laboratory Approval Scheme, following quality assurance testing. Immunofluorescence test (IFT) results will not be accepted.**

Repeat negative endometrial swab, to be cultured or PCR tested as above, for each subsequent oestrus period.

## All Mares

In the case of pregnant mares who have had a difficult foaling requiring veterinary attention and antibiotic treatments, an additional clitoral swab should be taken after foaling and more than 7 days after antibiotic treatment has finished, in addition to routine endometrial swabs, in order to rule out acquired *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* infections. Providing the pre-foaling clitoral swab was certified negative for *Taylorella equigenitalis*, the additional post-foaling clitoral swab may be cultured aerobically or PCR tested only.

### **Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) tests to be taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

#### **Mares from the United Kingdom and Ireland:**

All mares that have NOT been outside the United Kingdom and Ireland within the last 12 months will require one negative blood test to be taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. Seropositive mares will require two blood tests to be taken a minimum of 14 days apart to be taken in early January, these should demonstrate a stable or declining titre.

#### **Mares from outside the United Kingdom and Ireland:**

All mares originating from OUTSIDE the United Kingdom and Ireland will require two negative blood tests, the first to be taken within a 28-day period prior to arrival in the UK, with the second to be taken at the boarding stud, a minimum of 14 days after arrival and before the mare is released from isolation. Similarly, animals that are seropositive for EVA will require two tests to be taken in the UK. These should be taken a minimum of 14 days apart and demonstrate a stable or declining titre.

#### **Fillies in Training:**

At the discretion of the stallion stud fillies walking in for covering from racing yards may be required to have additional tests taken or tests taken closer to covering. This should be discussed with the stallion stud well in advance.

If a mare should leave the boarding stud after service or scanning in-foal and thereafter wish to return during a further oestrus, it may be necessary to provide a further negative EVA test.

These test results must confirm no significant rise in antibody titres (seroconversion).

**In the event of an inconclusive ELISA Test result the mare will not be accepted for covering until negative or stable / declining paired positive Virus Neutralisation Test results are obtained.**

## **Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA)**

#### **Mares from the United Kingdom and Ireland:**

All mares that have NOT been outside the United Kingdom and Ireland within the last twelve months will require one negative blood test for EIA to be taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

#### **Mares originating from outside the United Kingdom and Ireland:**

All mares originating from OUTSIDE the United Kingdom and Ireland will require a negative blood test for EIA taken no more than 14 days prior to arrival in this country. A second blood test must be taken at the boarding stud, prior to covering, a minimum of 14 days after arrival. Further blood tests must be taken as required to ensure that the mare is tested within 21 days prior to, and as close as possible to, EACH COVERING until a final blood test has been taken a minimum of 60 days after the mares arrival in this country.

Any mare arriving from GERMANY or ITALY with a foal at foot will require a blood test for EIA to be taken from the foal a minimum of 14 days after arrival in this country.

## **Freedom From Infection Form**

A signed Freedom From Infection Form must accompany each visiting mare, i.e. whether boarding or walking-in, upon arrival at Dalham Hall Stud, stating the said animal has not been in contact with any cases of still-birth, CEM, EVA, EHV-1, Strangles or any other infectious diseases.

## **Strangles**

Owners and managers are required to declare any possible contact or exposure their mares or stud might have had to strangles, over the last two years. The current Codes of Practice guidelines on prevention and control will be observed.

## **Equine Influenza**

All mares must be correctly vaccinated for Equine Influenza. (Primary course of vaccinations and booster). The latest vaccination must have been given within 6 MONTHS OF EACH COVERING as recommended in the HBLB International Codes of Practice. All vaccinations must be entered in the mare's passport.

## All Mares

**No mare will be covered unless a fully completed and signed Darley 2026 Mare Particulars Form and signed Nomination Agreement has been lodged at The Stud Office prior to covering. For those breeders requesting a cover before February 15<sup>th</sup> a signed Early Cover Consent Form will need to be filed with The Stud Office by the mare owner or their representative prior to covering.**

## Summary of Requirements for Covering

Please note: Mares that have received antibiotic treatment following a difficult foaling will require an additional clitoral swab taken after foaling and more than 7 days after antibiotic treatment has finished.

Mares which have not been outside the United Kingdom or Ireland within the last year (12 months) require:

**One negative EVA Certificate** – Dated after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

**One Clitoral Swab (CEM) Certificate** – Dated after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. Negative test results must be certified by a British Equine Veterinary Association Approved Laboratory or other Nationally Approved Laboratories in Ireland or France.

**One negative Coggins (EIA) Certificate** – Dated after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

**Cervical Swab Certificate (Endometrial Swab)** – Dated after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

### Freedom From Infection Form

**Passport** with updated influenza vaccinations.

Mares that have been outside the United Kingdom and Ireland within the last year (12 months) require:

**Two negative EVA Certificates** - The **first** to be taken within a 28-day period prior to arrival in the UK. The **second** to be taken at the boarding stud, a minimum of 14 days after arrival and before the mare is released from isolation.

**One Clitoral Swab (CEM) Certificate** – Dated after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. Negative test results must be certified by a British Equine Veterinary Association Approved Laboratory or other Nationally Approved Laboratories in Ireland or France. Swab certificates from Laboratories in other countries will not be accepted, unless the Laboratory is accredited by the BEVA Laboratory Approval Scheme, following quality assurance testing.

**Negative Coggins (EIA) Certificates** – The **first** to be taken no more than 14 days prior to the mare's arrival in this country. A **second** blood test must be taken at the boarding stud, prior to covering, a minimum of 14 days after arrival. **Further blood tests** must be taken as required to ensure that the mare is tested within 21 days prior to, and as close as possible to, each covering until a final blood test has been taken a minimum of 60 days after the mare's arrival in this country. Any mare arriving from Germany or Italy with a foal at foot will require a blood test for EIA to be taken from the foal a minimum of 14 days after arrival in this country.

**Cervical Swab Certificate (Endometrial Swab)** – Dated after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

### Freedom From Infection Form

**Passport** with updated influenza vaccinations.

## High Risk Mares:

If the mare is classed as high risk she will require **two** negative clitoral swab (CEM) certificates prior to covering:

The **first** clitoral swab test to be taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

The **second** clitoral swab test to be taken a minimum of 7 days after the first clitoral swab was taken.

Negative test results must be certified by a British Equine Veterinary Association Approved Laboratory or other Nationally Approved Laboratories in Ireland or France. Swab certificates from Laboratories in other countries will not be accepted, unless the Laboratory is accredited by the BEVA Laboratory Approval Scheme, following quality assurance testing.

For subsequent Covers (except cross covers on the same oestrus (heat) period) all mares will require:

**Cervical Swab Certificate** - On subsequent visits to Dalham Hall Stud, all mares will need a further negative Cervical Swab (Endometrial Swab) taken in oestrus before covering.

**Freedom From Infection form** – A further correctly completed Freedom From Infection Form.

**Negative Coggins (EIA) Certificate** - Further negative EIA test certificate, if required, from mares from outside the UK and Ireland.

## Cross Covers (repeat coverings in same oestrus period):

**Freedom From Infection Form** – A further correctly completed Freedom From Infection Form.

## Requirements for Mares Switching Stallion

If a mare is changed from one stallion to another during the course of the breeding season a new Clitoral swab (CEM) and endometrial swab will be required. These should be taken no sooner than 7 days after the mare was last covered by the original stallion. This requirement may be altered at any time without prior notice.

## Please Note

Additional swabbing and / or other tests may be required in certain circumstances at the Stallion Stud Manager's discretion.

BEVA may give approval to Laboratories outside the United Kingdom if the laboratories have successfully completed the BEVA's quality assurance tests. A list of Laboratories will be published on their website [www.beva.org.uk](http://www.beva.org.uk). Mares with swab results from these Laboratories may be accepted for covering provided results are **CERTIFIED ON THE CORRECT BEVA MARE CERTIFICATES**. Mare owners and boarding studs must establish with the Stud Office that these results are acceptable well in advance of covering.

## Covering Hot Line

Just call 01638 732305 and ask to speak to Peta Newman or Emma Raistrick.

To make things easier for both you and us, please keep us updated with your mare's progress. The covering time will be given once contact has been made with the Stud Office. It would be appreciated if we could have at least 24 hours or more advance notice prior to covering.

In cases where cross-covers are necessary every effort will be made to accommodate this, but we cannot guarantee cross-covers during busy periods.

Our covering sessions commence at:

**8:00 am**

**1:00 pm**

**6:00 pm**

When requesting a cover your mare will be booked for the earliest available cover on the date you have requested. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate requests for a cover at a particular session, we cannot guarantee that this will be possible.

## Scan Results

Mares not boarding at Darley should be ultrasound scanned for pregnancy no later than 20 days post covering and the result must be passed immediately to the Stud Office. We also suggest follow up scans should be conducted from 28 – 30 days post covering, and ideally manual examination should take place no later than 42 days post covering. These results should also be forwarded to the Stud Office.

## Stud Help Line

Just call 01638 732305

The Stud Office staff are very willing to help so if you have any queries regarding our Breeding Requirements or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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