

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Update

Coggins Disease or Swamp Fever

Summer 2017

- ◆ Recently there was a re-emergence of EIA in NYS. In 2015 & 2016, there were 14 cases in New York State.
- ◆ Currently we have NO cases in NYS! Let's keep it that way!
- ◆ EIA is a viral disease which cannot be treated. There is no vaccine against it.
- ◆ Horses can become acutely ill and die or be silent carriers which are a source of the disease.
- ◆ It is spread through blood transfer between horses. Blood sucking insects and contaminated needles can spread the disease effectively.
- ◆ A positive horse must either be permanently quarantined for its entire life or euthanized.
- ◆ Do not pasture/stable/board/ride/show your horses with untested horses.
- ◆ Ask your show manager if they are checking for negative EIA test records.
- ◆ Be sure horses at the barn all have current, negative EIA test.
- ◆ If your horse is not currently tested for EIA, please call your veterinarian to schedule this inexpensive, quick test.
- ◆ If you plan to bring in new horses to your farm/stable, be sure they are tested for EIA before arriving.
- ◆ Reduce the amount of flies on your horses and property. Fly season is a high risk time to spread EIA if positive horses and biting flies are both present around negative horses.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR VIGILANCE AND HELP!!!

This could save the life of a wonderful horse or horses!!!

