ENDOSCOPIC EXAMINATION FOR KWPN HORSES

Breathing apparatus

Procedure
- The breathing apparatus will be examined with the help of a laryngoscope and will be recorded on a DVD according to the KWPN specifications. The DVD will be mailed to the KWPN office for evaluation in Holland.
- The DVD must be submitted to the KWPN-NA office within one month of the examination.
- The examination must take place at either a Veterinary Teaching Hospital or a hospital/clinic that is on a par with a veterinary teaching hospital and specializes in internal medicine.
- The DVD must include two minutes of laryngeal examination.

Age
- The examination must be done after December 1st of the two-year-old year. Horses may have the procedure done ONE time per year. If a new Endoscopic examination is submitted, a copy of the results of the previous examination must be included.

Evaluation
- The DVD will be evaluated by an endoscopy committee. The endoscopy committee has the right to refuse an evaluation if the examination does not meet the KWPN specifications.
- The committee has the right to request additional footage.
- A new endoscopy examination may not be submitted until the following year. At that time the committee will also take the first examination into account.
- Horses meet the requirements if they have a normal and well-functioning breathing apparatus and are free of roaring and if breathing is normal during rest and work.

Re-evaluation
- If the owner does not agree with the results of the evaluation by the committee, they may request a re-evaluation. The request must be made in writing and must be submitted within one month of the receipt of the results. The re-evaluation will be done by a separate committee. The re-evaluation will be done using the same DVD as the first evaluation as well as – if so desired – additional views.
Films must be recorded on a DVD and the DVD must be finalized. Video tapes are no longer accepted.

If recordings of more than one stallion are on a single DVD, there must be a single recording for each stallion and the name and registration number of each stallion must be listed clearly in the menu.

During the endoscopic examination of the frontal air passages the horse will be twitched. In principle the horse should NOT be sedated, unless he would be a danger to himself or others. If sedation is given it must be clearly marked on the DVD and in the accompanying documentation.

On the DVD must be marked with:
- Registration number of the horse
- Stamp or name of the submitting veterinarian
- Information must be written or printed on the DVD, do not use labels since these may come loose and sometimes add vibration at high speeds and can damage the player.

Please send the DVD to the KWPN-NA office in such a manner it has to be signed for.
PO Box O or 609 E. Central Ave
Sutherlin, OR 97479

If you save a copy of the DVD at home, you can send the DVD by regular mail and it will not be necessary the KWPN-NA office signs for the delivery. However, in that case do notify us of the shipment so we know to expect it by emailing office@kwpn-na.org.

The DVD should be sent along with a copy of the registration paper and the signed companion form on which the submitting veterinarian declares that the recording was made in his/her presence and that he/she certifies that the recording belongs to the animal that he has identified on the DVD from the information on the registration paper.

Right at the start of the recording the following must clearly be stated (by way of the title generator of the endoscope)
- Date (Endoscopy may not take place until after December 1st of the horse’s two-year-old year).
- Registration number of the horse
- Chip number of the horse (if there is one)
- Possible sedation (type of sedation, brand name, dosage, how given, period of time prior to recording).

After that will be the recording where the following will be recorded in this order:
- Enter the scope through the right nostril to in front of the larynx with a view of the throat.
- The larynx must be recorded for at least 30 seconds in a resting state.
- The larynx must on the screen while trying to get the larynx to move by occlusion of the nasal passages. At least one abduction and 1 adduction must be recorded (in questionable cases further abductions and adductions should be filmed).
- The effects of two slap tests should be filmed (slapping behind the right shoulder blade).

A second recording must be made if the larynx is not completely symmetrical.
- This time the scope must enter the left nostril (until in front of the larynx)
- The larynx must again be recorded for at least 30 in a resting state.
- The larynx must again be on the screen while getting it to move by occlusion of the nasal passages. At least At least one abduction and 1 adduction must be recorded (in questionable cases further abductions and adductions should be filmed).
- The effects of two slap tests should be filmed (this time slapping behind the left shoulder blade).

The overall length of the recording on the DVD should not be longer than five minutes and a rather high recording method should be used (two hours per DVD for example).

Checklist for mailing the DVD:
- Check the DVD meets the criteria.
- Copy of the registration paper of the stallion.
- Accompanying form completed and signed by the attending veterinarian.

If one of these items is missing, the recording will not be evaluated.
Endoscopic Examination

PLEASE ENTER REQUESTED INFORMATION AND SEND THIS FORM WITH THE DVD TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

Horse Name: ___________________________ Date of Procedure: ___________________________
Registration Number: __________________ Location of Procedure: __________________________
Owner Name: ___________________________ Clinician Name: _____________________________

Clinician Signature: _______________________

Area Examined:

Nasal passages: ___________________________ ❑ Epiglottis*: _____________________________
Ethmoid Area: _____________________________ ❑ Arytenoids*: ___________________________
Pharynx*: ________________________________ ❑ Ventricles*: __________________________
G.P. Openings: ___________________________ ❑ Trachea: ______________________________
Soft Palate: _______________________________ ❑ Guttural Pouches: ______________________

Endoscopic Report:

*Mark Lesions

Comments:

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Return form and DVD to:
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