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EQUINE INFLUENZA: WHAT EVERY UK HORSE OWNER NEEDS TO KNOW

Equine influenza – often simply called “horse flu” – remains one of the most significant respiratory threats to horses in the UK and worldwide. While we’ve made tremendous strides in controlling this highly contagious disease through vaccination, complacency can quickly lead to devastating outbreaks. Understanding the disease, its transmission, and the importance of prevention is essential for every responsible horse owner.



VACCINE PRICES

- Influenza: £51.54
 - Influenza & Tetanus: £57.78
- (prices excl visit fee)

SIX-MONTHLY FLU BOOSTERS: IS IT TIME TO MAKE THE SWITCH?

Since April 2026, there have been more than 52 confirmed equine influenza outbreaks across 32 counties in England, Scotland and Wales, with activity simultaneously elevated in northern France, increasing the risk for any horse travelling internationally.

The figures have prompted renewed calls from vets and welfare organisations for owners to review their vaccination protocols. One question keeps coming up: should more horses be moving to six-monthly boosters rather than the standard annual schedule?

It's a genuinely nuanced question, and the answer depends on who your horse is, what it does, and which rulebook you're competing under.

We look at the arguments for and against moving to a six-monthly booster schedule.

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Flu spreads fast. An unvaccinated horse can begin showing signs within 1–3 days of exposure, and a yard can be locked down for weeks.

Check your horse's passport today. When was their last booster?

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If your horse is showing signs of respiratory illness, dry cough, fever, nasal discharge or lethargy, isolate immediately and contact the practice. Do not move the horse off the yard until you have spoken to us.

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