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#### PROBLEM BREEDER PACKAGE FOR YOUR MARE

Some mares can have difficulty conceiving. It is difficult to determine the cause of the problem with ad hoc examinations on farm and more intense monitoring on farm can result in exorbitant veterinary fees to establish the cause of the problem and manage the mare. Often a diagnosis can only be made if the mare is monitored throughout her cycle and subsequent early pregnant period. It is therefore recommended that management of your mare be conducted at our horse facilities at Killarney Veterinary Surgery (KVS) however this can be done at your property (travel fees apply). Upon arrival she will be examined to determine where she is in her reproductive cycle and establish any problems that are able to be determined initially which may impact on the success of her breeding. At this stage she may be induced to cycle with the hormone prostaglandin (PG), if she doesn't arrive at KVS 'horsing'. Your mare will be examined daily by ultrasound to monitor her follicle development to determine the optimum time for service once she is in oestrus (horsing/standing heat). Any problems detected will be treated as required. The stallion will then be arranged and your mare will then be given a hormone treatment to assist her to ovulate in a more predictable time frame (12-48 hours). Once your mare has been served or fresh AI'd at KVS, your mare will undergo ultrasound examination every 12 hours to detect any problems with fluid accumulation or ovulation and treated appropriately should they occur. This method helps to establish a possible cause for failing to conceive and reduces uterine contamination by serving the mare only once. At this stage she may return home. Your mare is then returned to KVS for pregnancy testing at 14 days post ovulation. Should your mare not be in foal at the 14 day scan, it is recommended that she be admitted again to KVS and prepared for the subsequent cycle.

#### Success

It is difficult to put a number on the success of managing a mare in this manner without having established a diagnosis for failing to conceive. Often some mares can be just a little more difficult to serve at the correct time or establish some post cover fluid which can be easily corrected. Sometimes we detect problems which may indicate that the mare is not suitable to breed. We will discuss with you our findings as management of your mare progresses and indicate the likelihood of success and treatments required to ensure that you can make an informed decision about your mare as a breeding prospect.

#### The cost

Each cycle will cost \$415.00 incl. GST. This includes the cost of all ultrasound examinations, pregnancy testing at 14 days, arrangement of the stallion, hand serving the mare or fresh artificial insemination, consumables, drugs like PG, sedation, chorolun/ovuplant, oxytocin and uterine treatments like antibiotics/plasma and lavage. As only some mares require systemic antibiotics, progesterone, a caslick or tests like a uterine swab/biopsy or blood test, these are invoiced in addition to the above fee. Should we believe that these procedures or treatments are required, we will discuss them with you where appropriate. Transport of the mare and stallion will be in addition, please discuss these costs with the stud.

#### Agistment

Agistment will be charged, in addition, at a daily rate of \$25.00. If your mare arrives at KVS 'horsing', your mare will typically be agisted for 5 days.

Please complete the form overleaf

MARE ADMISSION FORM

Name of mare owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of mare: \_\_\_\_\_ Brand: \_\_\_\_\_

Mare registration details (society/ID number): \_\_\_\_\_

Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mare breeding history: \_\_\_\_\_

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Stallion owner contact details to arrange service: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mare health status:

*Please provide last date performed or administered. Write N/A if not done or unknown date.*

Tetanus vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_ Strangles vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_

Hendra vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_ Worming: \_\_\_\_\_

Farrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions/things we should know about your mare:

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I understand and accept the following:

*I have been advised as to the nature of the procedures and the risks involved. While all reasonable precautions and due care will be taken to ensure the safety of your mare, veterinary procedures, agistment and live cover have their inherent risks that cannot be completely eliminated that can lead to illness, injury or death. Should an illness or injury occur we will treat your mare appropriately and make immediate contact to discuss the problem, prognosis and estimate of fees. I realise that results cannot be guaranteed and further treatment options may be necessary however understand that these will be discussed and consented to prior to commencement. I assume financial responsibility for all charges incurred including that through illness or injury, should it occur. I understand that payment is required before the mare returns home.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner / Agent

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_