

## EI Recognized Dressage and the New Vaccination Rule, USEF GR845

### IN SHORT:

- GR845.1 tells you which horses, what vaccinations, & when and the consequences of having no documentation
- GR845.2 tells you how to report vaccines administered by a veterinarian
- GR845.3 tells you exactly how to report vaccines administered by the owner or agent other than a veterinarian
- GR845.4 explains exactly how to proceed if your horse cannot be vaccinated

USEF has designed a simple form that you are encouraged to use. You'll find it here:

<https://www.usef.org/documents/membership/EquineVaccinationRecord.pdf>

KEEP YOUR DOCUMENTATION WITH THE HORSE. DO NOT send it to the show Secretary, unless otherwise requested by management.

GR845 Equine Vaccination Rule (USEF Rule Book, May 2016)

1. At Federation licensed competitions horses, more than 7 months of age, entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers' or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian.

2. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.

3. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration.

4. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.

5. Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee.  
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NOT SUFFICIENT. It is NOT the show secretary's job to review, verify or bless your proof of compliance. That said, this is a partial list of documentation that would be considered insufficient:

- A letter or email from your vet saying, "Bobby has been regularly vaccinated." (Which horse is Bobby, and exactly when and for what was he last vaccinated? PLEASE USE THE FORM!)
- A photocopy of a receipt for purchase of vaccines. (To which horse were they given, when, and by whom? Or are they still in your fridge? PLEASE USE THE FORM!)

REMEMBER: If management asks to see proof of vaccination for the horses you are hauling, and said documentation is missing or incomplete,

- You may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management
- You will NOT be allowed to unload, due to the risk of infecting either your horses or others
- NO refunds will be given

But...if the show season remains disease-free, you may not be asked for proof of vaccination at all. We truly hope that your horse's perfectly completed report form collects wrinkles and coffee stains in your truck until you retrieve it to update at your horse's next vaccination.