

CHEVAUX DANSANTS STABLES BREEDING CHECKLIST

BOOKING

1. Complete the service agreement, initial each page and sign on the last page. Scan contract back to us.
2. My PA Claire will invoice you.
3. Pay the booking fee of \$575 to be booked in.
4. When we get a spare moment we will sign the contract and rescan it to you for your records.

GETTING READY AND SCANNING TIME

5. Note please the season opening and closing period is 1st October – 31st January. Please check the availability dates sheet for when we are not collecting during that season for rare weekday shows and the 2 week shutdown period over Xmas,
6. The remainder of the service fee, collection costs and flight costs (if you are not picking the semen up from us) is due to be cleared in our account at least 48hrs before you are ordering semen.
7. **We now collect off the Stallions Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.** *We used to collect daily for the sake of mare owners, but it was just to physically difficult for the stallions to continue to do so and on Vet advice we have now changed to how all the other Stallions in NZ do it. Experienced Equine and/or Specialist reproductive Equine Vets are used to this process.* In saying that if by chance we don't have a collection booked for example on the Monday, then we may collect specially for you on the Tuesday. So the key is communication with us – the best way is via emails or text which I check regularly. – **SEE AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO WORK WITH THIS PROCESS AT THE END.**
8. So you need to scan your mare and try and get the Vets to cycle her so that she requires semen on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Its not big deal if she doesn't play ball in that regard, the semen is still perfectly viable to inseminate on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday.
9. Obviously we need semen orders on Sunday nights for mares needing semen Mon/Tues, Tues night for semen Wed/Thurs, Thursday night for semen orders for Fri/Sat/Sun. That is because we need to know how many doses to put in extender for the coming two days.
10. Let me know via email how the scanning process is going so that we can pencil you in for a likely day. We have very large numbers of mares so the earlier you give us a heads up the better off we'll all be. It is first in first served.
11. **PLEASE Check the semen unavailability date sheet. But in general terms we CLOSE AND ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTIONS for 2 weeks FROM 25 DEC TO GIVE THE STALLION A BREAK.**

ORDERING SEMEN

12. When you book semen for the next day/s, text me on **(027) 220 4257 BEFORE MIDDAY** the day before you are wanting semen sent, so that we have time to get organised our end. This is not negotiable. Air NZ now has requirements to book cargo online. When ordering on a Sunday for the Monday, please order semen as early as possible to ensure your flights can be booked as AIRNZ can finish earlier on a Sunday.
You need to tell me:-
 - Your name
 - The mare who is requiring semen
 - Whether you are picking up OR
 - Which airport I am flying it to.

- The name and phone number of the person picking up the semen from the airport (as we have to put this on the consignment docket)
13. Please do not order semen by ringing nor email, nor on facebook, due to the large numbers of mares I cant keep up with multiple media ways of ordering semen and I'd hate to miss someone.
 14. We then confirm what time you can pick the semen up (usually very early in the morning – it depends on what flights we have to catch and how many stallions we have to collect that day) OR what time the flight arrives and flight numbers for the airport you have ordered it to go to. The earlier you text me the day before, the earlier I can let you know these details so you can book your vet to inseminate. Also remember first in first served, each collection only does a maximum of 4-6mares.

FLIGHTS - (IF YOUR COLLECTION IS FLYING)

15. If you are flying semen, when we drop the semen off at the airport for you it has to be there an hour in advance, we then text you the consignment notice so that you have the consignment number. This is the number to track and trace the semen with Air NZ Cargo. I can also let you know then if there is any problem with the flight that we are aware of at that time.
16. Before you leave to pick up the semen from the airport it is best to check with the Air NZ that the flight is on time, not delayed or diverted. We've flown hundreds of shipments and on RARE occasions have had weather closing airports, plane breakdowns and even a bomb threat disruptions. As the semen is your responsibility as soon as it drives out our gate you will need to follow these things up with Air NZ Cargo directly.
17. When you pick the semen up from the Airport the person picking up the semen will need to take photo ID – Air NZ at some airports require it – They are tightening security Air NZ Cargo told us, so take it just in case.

INSEMINATION TIME

18. Your Vet should inseminate the full dose (do not split it) as soon as it arrives. The sooner it gets in a place it loves the better frankly. Leave the Semen in the closed Equitainer until insemination.
19. Your Vet completes the Insemination certificate that is with the Semen in the Equitainer. **IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE VET COMPLETE THE MARE DESCRIPTION SECTION.** This is information later required by the NZWA on the NZWA Service Certificate to match the mare with their records before it can be registered. Also ensure that the **insemination certificate is then returned with the Equitainer to us.**

RETURNING THE EQUITAINER STRAIGHT AWAY

20. Once the semen is inseminated, please either drop the Equitainer back to us that same day. OR if your Semen was flown - take the Equitainer straight to NZPOST (where at all possible) to return to us. Most of our Equitainers fit in the \$9 courier bag. *Our end NZPOST is by the far the quickest. Fastway takes a week to deliver anything to us, and NZCouriers is at least 2-3days longer than Courierpost (NZPOSTs couriers).* The return address is on the Equitainer.
21. **DO NOT SEND THE EQUITAINER BACK VIA AMAREX.**

POST INSEMINATION SCANS 36-48HRS AFTER INSEMINATION

22. Book your mare in for a post insemination scan no longer than 48 hours after insemination. I cannot emphasise enough how important this is in order to get in foal first pop. If you inseminated on the Monday morning for example I would

personally scan Tuesday so that you can reorder semen for the Wednesday. Post insemination scans really are critical to doing it once and doing it right.

PREGNANCY SCANS 16-18 DAYS AFTER INSEMINATION

23. It's important now to book the pregnancy scan around the 16-18 day mark so that if your mare isn't pregnant you aren't surprising us with a last minute semen order that we may not be able to fill if we've used all our semen stock for the next two day period. Pregnancies usually show up after 15 days, the mares cycle roughly every 21 days. *If you dont scan until 19-20 days we may not have the semen there to send to you if you order for example on a Monday night, after we've collected Monday morning to cover mares on the Monday and Tuesday.*

NOTIFY US OF YOUR MARE BEING IN FOAL ALSO PLEASE

24. Please let us know as soon as you know your mare is in foal as well. We are likely to have mares on a waiting list who can't start until your mare is in foal, so please let us know via email (preferably) or text message so my PA can let the next mare owner know.

SERVICE CERTIFICATES

25. As Donnerubin is a NZWA Licensed Stallion, it is required now that the Service Certificate be the NZWA triplicate form one.

- *You need to notify us when your mare has had her positive 42 day scan.*
- *At the same time confirm your postal address.*
- *You also need to make sure we have your mares physical description on the insemination certificate which has been certified by the Vet on insemination.*

Sometime over winter we issue all the Service Certificates. One is sent to you, one to the NZWA and we keep one. You must keep your insemination certificate to send into the NZWA when Registering the foal, we only issue one copy. If you lose your copy please notify the NZWA and they will tell you what to do.

WHAT WE DO OUR END - THAT YOU PROBABLY HAVE NO IDEA ABOUT

- We are fastidious at feeding the Stallions top quality feed (Prydes) and supplements (NZ Equine Herb Company) to improve their semen to maximum capacity - that's all year round. Including Carnitine - an amino acid that is specifically designed to help both muscles (they use to collect which get sore and tired) and semen quality. It is brilliant in that regard....so of course it is expensive (sigh).
- We use twice daily usually an Activio-Med blanket and tummy pad (magnetic pulse blanket which is followed by vibrational massage - which removes toxins and lactic acid) to keep the Stallions muscles in top form to be able to do both breeding and riding.
- We have an Equine Osteopath come weekly to help keep Donnerubins back feeling supple enough to collect.

- We use the best equipment and buy the very best semen extender (we've tested matches that Stallions semen the best) to ensure the semen once collected remains at its very peak.
- We have invested thousands of dollars in training to collect and handle the semen to remain at its peak once collected. We analyse every single dose under a microscope (literally).
- We invest a lot of time and money in quality control testing during the season to ensure we are sending you a dose I am proud of and satisfied is at its very best possible.
- During breeding season we get up at 6am and go to bed very late in order to be able to do my day job as a Lawyer, be a Mother to two little girls and breed off the Stallions.
- In order to collect of the Stallions at all we sacrifice 3 days of dressage training a week during breeding season. That makes competing them in the upper levels of dressage very difficult to be competitive!
- I know of no other Sport horse Stallion Owner in the country that goes to all this effort for their mare owners and the pride of their semen they send out.
- We do it all for you the mare owners, because I genuinely believe everyone deserves a beautiful horse like the ones I have.....it is a privilege to have them.

In return, we are all mare owners to follow the checklist please. This is in order to continue to have the Stallions available to outside mares and getting lots of amazing progeny out there in the sport ultimately raising the value of your future foal.

90% of mare owners who follow the plan are just amazing and most will be our lifelong friends (with a grandchild in common of course!). But the 10% who don't follow the rules make life pretty miserable and are making us revisit our desire to breed with these beautiful boys.....please don't be in that 10%.

Equally during breeding season we are doing everything we can our end to get semen to you when you need it, we don't want to disappoint you anymore than you want to miss a cycle, but the time has come to be more mindful of the welfare of the Stallions who just can't repeat the rigours of the 2015-16 breeding season.

Communication with us really is the key. Even if you slip up, we will think outside the box and do all we can to get you semen.

Thanks a million in advance and looking forward to sending you the little swimmers that are going to breed your own little star!!! Exciting!

Kind Regards



Jacinda

EXAMPLE SCANNING PROCESS – MADE EASY!!!

We Recommend scanning your mare on Sundays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays in the morning to meet the midday ordering deadline.

Here is an example of the gold standard of scanning, inseminating and post insemination scanning that results in almost all of the mares getting in foal off the first cycle – in the optimum mare cycle months of October to December.

Example:

Tuesday Scan the mare – Mare looks like she might be ready to ovulate in the next few days. Order semen before midday via text message.

Wednesday- pickup semen, mare is then inseminated.

Thursday – post insemination scan in the morning of the mare (in this example) shows she has not ovulated yet so re order semen for Friday by midday text message.

Friday – pickup semen, mare is then inseminated.

Sunday – post insemination scan of the mare in the morning. (In this example) she has ovulated. If not repeat above process. Let Jacinda know either way by text message and book 18 day scan with your vet.

16-18 day scan results – let Jacinda know either way preferably by text message. If not in foal repeat process.