

About Artificial Insemination

At Clyde Veterinary Group Equine Hospital, we offer a professional Artificial Insemination (AI) service for mares. Frozen, chilled or fresh semen AI can be catered for.

We aim to admit mares to the hospital on the first or second day of their season to give maximum predictability of ovulation. Packages prices are available for mare's resident at the hospital. For current prices, please call our Lanark Hospital on 01555 660000 or Stirling on 01786 231199.

Chilled Semen

Mares are scanned each morning until a dominant follicle and an open cervix are present.

Semen is ordered to arrive the following day and an ovulation agent is given to the mare.

A scan 24 hours after insemination confirms that ovulation has occurred and the uterus is free of excessive fluid.

Frozen Semen

Mares are scanned each morning until a dominant follicle and an open cervix are present.

A drug to induce ovulation is given in the evening and insemination is planned for approximately 38-42 hours later.

The mare is scanned every 6-8 hours until ovulation is confirmed and insemination takes place.

A final scan the next day check that the uterus is free of excessive fluid.

Aftercare

A pregnancy scan is recommended at 15-17 days post AI to check that the mare is pregnant before her next season is due. This is also the best time to reduce twins if present.

A second scan is recommended at 24-30 days to check that a foetal heartbeat is present. A third scan at 40-50 days can be carried out if desired to check if the foetus is still viable.