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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am the owner of two horses who I believe have had an adverse reaction to the Hendra Virus vaccine.

The first horse presently has a positive titre reading of 2048. (Tested 18/04/16)
He is an 8 year old stock horse/quarter horse gelding and was first immunised on 17/03/13 and has had six regular vaccinations up until 5/07/15.

Before immunisation he was a healthy forward moving horse with big strides and a positive work ethic. After his third immunisation he began to stop sharply when being ridden. He raised his back and tail as if he needed to defecate but couldn't. This is a continuing problem.

After the fifth immunisation he began to overheat. He would still sweat but would stand panting. He also started to have a lot of erections. Now he has fewer erections but often his penis is hanging out.

This horse's behaviour has also changed. He now has anger issues never seen before. His joints are very stiff and he takes much shorter slower strides than he used to. He was previously a reliable healthy working horse but is now basically useless.

Second horse has a positive titre reading of 1024. (Tested 18//04/16)

Before immunisation he was a healthy animal with no problems at all. He was first immunised 4/06/13 and has had five regular vaccinations up until 20/07/15.

After his fifth vaccination he started to drink huge amounts of water. His sweat pattern changed and now only sweats on two thirds of his body. His hind quarters remain dry. He has had serious hoof issues with heat in the hooves and bulging rings growing down. We are on sandy soil and no water is ever standing.

The vets no vac, no treat policy is unbelievable. The number of horses left to die untreated is an absolute disgrace. I don't understand why this is allowed to go on. It seems quite simple to put on protective gear and get on with the job they are trained to do.

The vets I have been dealing with aren't really too interested in my horses' problems. I wasn't informed before vaccination there could be side effects, yet there is a list of possible side effects on the qld.gov web site. Horse owners have the right to be informed of these things and should be left to make their own decisions not just left with the fall out from other people's decisions.

Many equestrian clubs now have mandatory policies for events. That decision I find appalling. I am sure there are a lot of families with children who just cannot afford either the vaccine, or, the cost of dealing with the problems left by the over use of this vaccine.

At the end of the day, the horse industry is going to end up non existent, and that will be due to the drug company concerned and all the complacent vets. .

Summing up, I have no problem with vaccination, but six to twelve monthly is ridiculous. If this vaccine was tested properly without the dollars taken into account, vaccinating every five years would probably be sufficient and put an end to all of this angst and physical damage to our horses. That's never likely to happen with greedy drug companies dictating what the rules are.

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