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Hendra Inquiry

I am a horse owner who is currently abhorred by the current crisis surrounding vet treatment, Hendra virus and the Hendra vaccine.

To date there is inconclusive evidence on transmission.

Statistics on its "take" on life to the degree on which this vaccine has been pushed with a no HeV vaccine then no vet treatment is beyond fathomable.

The fear mongering by drug company Zoetis and vets is beyond a joke.

Why is it vets have not taken appropriate hygienic precautions when performing intrusive procedures?

I find it interesting my previous vet [REDACTED] who degrades those questioning the Hendra vaccines safety and pushes his uneducated views on the topic had me reaching into my horses mouth during a procedure without protection. He in his policy also declaring the Hendra vaccine is safe for breeding stock when the insert for the vaccine does not even state this.

Such madness is not fathomable from a falling "profession".

Why is it that vets are happy for horse owners to courier a "biosecurity level 4" virus in their car to a lab? I can provide names of vet clinics.

And if it is so dangerous and urgent why the heck isn't the lab open 24/7? Ridiculous periods of waiting.

Why is it that those horses Hendra vaccinated whose owners have had titre testings show wildly high titres? Over vaccinating??

It is unbelievable that these issues were not more thoroughly thought out and tested by those advocating this vaccine. The absolute unprofessionalism and incongruities and inconsistencies with all involved...DPI...vets...Zoetis..WHS and others indicates to me how poorly this whole saga has been handled and continues to be.

It also leaves one questioning who is profiteering?

Why is it that vets still treat unvaccinated racehorses?

Why is it that vets cannot wear PPE?

Why is it that horse owners are left to shoot their own horses?

Why is it that exorbitant prices are charged for PPE by vets? \$15 can buy you an outfit yet if a vet has to put one on it is at least \$150...

Why is it that vaccines are not to be administered to sick or compromised horses yet it's satisfactory to Hendra vaccinate any horses any age any time?

Why is it the vet is happy to come and vaccinate for Hendra if you need them to come out and then treat your horse? Is this the first vaccine in the world that works like a magic bullet within seconds?

Such hypocrisy and sheer idiocy.

Why is it with such a low risk of ever a human contracting Hendra and no casual infections to date that many competitive organisations have instigated a no Hendra vacc no participation policies?

The research to date on Hendra and its affects on humans and horses has been exploded to ridiculous proportions of its danger. Any fool can read this and work it out.

Vaccines are not one for all, with much scientific based evidence for this, and freedom of choice without being bullied and blackmailed with lies should prevail.

The vaccine insert itself states it is not 100% effective.

As I have previously taken on neglected horses to rehabilitate I would be a complete idiot to vaccinate when a horse is unwell sick or immune compromised.

I have personally encountered Hendra vaccinated horses who prior to the vaccine had no outstanding health issues...but post vaccine developed laminitic issues...i also have taken on 2 horses into my care where previous owners Hendra vaccinated. Both horses of completely different breeds have laminitic issues.

I have barely scatched the surface of this whole Hendra bungle with so many more issues to be raised surrounding it from its inception.

I would NEVER ever use this vaccine for so many reasons and especially because of the dubious activity surrounding it and inconsistencies of information propagated by those involved.

I would like to see some sensible outcomes regarding this inquiry that reflect the TRUTH and horse owners...not fictious rubbish i receive in policy forms by numerous vets and see in advertising or media....the risk of Hendra is not a threat nor proprtionate to the enforced mandatory vaccinations vets and other bodies are promoting.

Regards
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