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Hi, I would like to share with you some reactions that I have seen in 3 horses staying at my place.

HORSE 1: Show Pony. Had large lump at injection site for couple of days after being Hendra Vaccinated. Neck sore to touch. Vet called back to administer pain relief.

2 weeks later, horse developed severe skin allergy / sensitivity all over body. Horse went mad with itching. Couldn't handle being rugged, brushed, touched. Horse became dangerous to ride. Would sweat only on one side of body. 4 different vets were called to try to come up with a reason this was happening. Bloods were done, skin biopsy was done. Antihistamines were given, the list went on. Owner spent thousands of dollars on vets, lotions, potions, feeds, persevered and many months later, pony was back to normal. Pony has since returned to the show ring.

HORSE 2: Warmblood Dressage Horse. Horse already was suffering from Qld Itch. Horse was given vac and 2 weeks later developed a severe case of Hives.

Went mad with scratching, lost hair all over her body. Owner spent a lot of money on lotions, potions, feeds to try to stop the itching. Horse finally back to normal after couple of months.

HORSE 3: Clydesdale X. Horse had vaccination before coming to my place. Developed large lump at injection site, lasted 1 week. Neck extremely sore. Horse was administered pain relief for a week.

I have a 23 year old mare of my own, whom I have had done from day 1. No reactions so far but would prefer not to do her anymore.

NO VAC, NO TREATMENT POLICY.

We are all only still vaccinating for Hendra because of the ridiculous No Vac, No Treat Policy.

2 of the horses are insured, and must be vacc'd for Hendra to be covered.

The fear of not having a vet attend in an emergency is the only reason why most of us horse owners are bowing down to this policy.

The initial cost of the vacc is not a problem I feel. It's the cost involved with having treatment if your horse is unlucky to suffer a reaction to this poison.

It has been proven that PPE and good hygiene is a far better option to this vaccine, until (if ever) this vaccine is made safe to use.

Hoping this information is helpful to the inquiry.

Regards,

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