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Dear Sir/Madam

- The vast majority Race horse breeders, stables & trainers alike refuse to vaccinate their breeding mares and stallions, and very rarely their geldings, as we horse owners know only too well the number of unrecorded deaths & permanent maiming of vaccinated horses, their newborn foals etc. and the deaths of horses that have occurred as a result of Veterinary Surgeons refusing to treat unvaccinated horses, albeit unvaccinated race horses are indeed treated.

- adverse reactions and equine DEATHS from this vaccine have been experienced in very high numbers with, I believe, only a small proportion of those being duly reported to the statutory authority (as opposed to the manufacturer, Zoetis). There have been known cases of Vets declining to report reactions based solely on their opinion and I have no doubt they have failed to report many 1,000's of adverse reactions based on their desire to see a marked increase in uptake of this proven unsafe vaccine.

We ourselves have been subject to many adverse reactions caused by then having in the past the HeV Vaccine. We stopped all use of the vaccine to our six competition horses since their last one in February 2015.

We have had since giving the vaccine chronic hoof problems, hair loss, extreme mud fever, muscle problems eg. Necks so tight the horse unable to put head down to eat.

Personality changes and other immune type problems these are but an example – it cost us hundreds to bring these horses back to good health and a couple are still having issues.

- I am already unable to take my valuable team of show horses to certain events and equine competitions by virtue of the fact I refuse to vaccinate them, and this will extend to further Associations & Show Societies all over Australia if mandatory HeV vaccination is required, thereby decimating the recreational & competitive horse industry.

- many vets are refusing to treat unvaccinated horses which conduct may increase if immunity to third line forcing is granted. Should EA be permitted to mandate HeV vaccination at events, this could lead to more veterinary practices refusing treatment and thereby creating “welfare” issues for horses who cannot be vaccinated due to age or infirmity. I believe many horses are possibly dying already because Vets MAY attend, but they will only take blood for Hendra testing & await the result before agreeing to actually treat an unseen illness, or wound etc. Therefore, in the case of colic, chances are extremely high that the horse will die a very long and agonising death due to lack of necessary invasive treatment. If blood is taken on a Friday afternoon, it can be Tues/Wed before results are known. Colic can & does kill within hours.

- the negligible risks of Hendra being contracted at an event (and the fact that it has never happened in the history of equestrian events, or races, ever) whereas the risks of horses having violent & often deadly reactions are increasing by the day as more are vaccinated, and more particularly upon receiving their 3rd & onwards booster. It must not be overlooked that violent adverse reactions & death have occurred even after the initial vaccine.


-the truth is that the deaths that have occurred in the last 22 odd years were purely do to negligence of the people involved and their lack or unwillingness to waer appropriate PPE gear.

- NO HUMAN has ever caught or died from the Hendra infection at any show or event or any casual interaction in the history of this disease.

- IMO this is a money making, unnecessary vaccine and push by unscrupulous drug companies and some vets at the detriment of ourselves and our whole equine industry. The lies and false information that surrounds this vaccine borders on criminal.

Kind Regards

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