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To the AEC,

This is my personal experiences & that of 1st hand observations of close friends horses reactions after receiving the hendra vaccine.

My story starts in 2007 when I was living in a marginal zone of the EI virus outbreak in Qld, where all horses in these zones were in lockdown & vaccinated to prevent it's spread...which was a sound, valid reason for this particular virus. Nobody had warned me of any side effects to this vaccine & was told it was completely safe, I had a sizable successful Clydesdale stud. However exactly 7 days after my horses had that vaccine, my 2 youngest foals became ill with aggressive bacterial scours from the vac going through their mothers milk, the youngest foal died within 2 hours & the vet only just arrived in time to save the second foal, the next day my oldest stallion was having difficulties serving a mare, she did carry her foal to term but her colt was weak & died 24 hours later, the stallion had become fully sterile within a few days of serving the mare & remained sterile for 3 years before siring 1 more foal before he died of cancer. 3 weeks after the first vac, 3 of my mares aborted filly foals on the same day, the remaining pregnant mares all had colts plus the young stallion covered the 3 mares that miscarried, they too had colts & all the colts born in the following years proved to be permanently sterile, I had also lost vaccinated mares to a strange illness that led to madness, & that was only 1 shot + follow up. No fillies were born until I had purchased a replacement stallion. It took over 7 years to leave the system of the 2 surviving mares & the young stallion who's sire was imported that had to be gelded. I also had to replace some of the mares I lost.

When the news reports started with the Hendra virus & the new vaccine that was also reported to be 'completely safe' I started thinking twice about it, after all there were no bats in my aria so no cases were ever there & there was no way I wanted to put my horses through the losses & problems I had with the EI vac, so when the vet started trying to push it for big \$\$ per dose, my calculations worked out that it would cost me almost my entire yearly income to vaccinate them all twice yearly, but the push was starting from the vets that if I didn't vac them they would no longer attend to them. I was also in touch with other Clydesdale studs who had Hendra vaxed their horses & was increasingly getting foaling problems, miss carriages, mares dying from complications during foaling, skin problems, founder, etc & their stallion becoming sterile for the 5 months following his jab.

So just over 2 years ago I sold my Queensland property & moved to NSW with all my horses & because I will not vaccinate my horses for Hendra I currently have 100% live healthy foal birth rate, compared to my friends stud who had 1 very sick foal last season out of 4 preg mares, the other 3 still born + 1 mare died & a total still born foal loss this season due to the vaccine.

I hope this helps with your enquiry,
Regards, Suzanne

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