



Royal National Capital Agricultural Society

Hendra Virus Vaccination Policy

as of August 2023

Hendra Virus vaccination for horses is not mandatory under Federal, State or Territory Laws as there is insufficient evidence at this time supporting the legal requirement.

The Royal National Capital Agricultural Society advises that it does not require mandatory Hendra Virus vaccination of horses attending the Royal Canberra Show unless they are from an endemic Hendra Virus affected area. However, horse owners with horses from unaffected Hendra Virus areas should consult with their local veterinarian regarding the risk-benefits assessment of vaccination.

It is mandatory all horse owners, handlers and staff maintain the highest bio security standards at the show to ensure other people and horses are not put at risk.

All horses from endemic Hendra Virus affected areas require mandatory vaccination to compete at the Royal Canberra Show. Owners are required to provide the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society with a current Vaccination Certificate for each horse prior to entry to Exhibition Park in Canberra.

The Royal National Capital Agricultural Society Hendra Virus Vaccination Policy for endemic areas by post codes are:

NSW	QLD
2286	4034
2337	4125
2440	4217
2447	4275
2470	4285
2477	4413
2478	4510
2480	4655
2482	4670
2484	4700
	4701
	4740
	4810
	4850
	4870
	4881

The Royal National Capital Agricultural Society will inform horse owners if any of the above requirements change, or the list of current post codes are changed due to new Hendra Virus outbreaks.