



Equine Biosecurity during Pony Club Rallies

What is biosecurity? It means doing everything you can to reduce the chances of your horse being exposed to a contagious disease by being exposed to bacteria that causes illnesses. Here are some simple steps you can take to protect your horse:

- Remove used bedding before your horse is moved into the stall.
- Prior to delivering your horse to its stall, take measures to disinfect as many surfaces in the stall as possible using Lysol or similar disinfectant. Other disinfectant solutions are bleach (1 part bleach to 10 parts water and Chlorhexidine (2%) mixing 2 oz. to 1 gallon of water.
- Minimize nose-to-nose contact between horses.
- Resist the urge to pet other people's horses. Wash your hands or use a 62% ethyl alcohol hand gel before and after handling other people's horses.
- Do not dunk hose end into water bucket when filling or allow the hose to touch the bucket.
- Don't share communal water sources.
- Refrain from dunking wash sponges, bits or hands into communal water sources. Use a separate bucket of water specifically for that purpose, and then discard the fouled water.
- No hand grazing. Walk mounts on paths or dirt whenever possible.
- Limit use of wash stalls. Fill several buckets of water to sponge off sweat. No bathing.