



Royal National Capital Agricultural Society

Hendra Virus Vaccination Policy

as of January 2025

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

Hendra Virus.

Universal precautions should be adopted by all owners and RNCAS staff in the management of equine body fluids during invasive human-animal interactions.

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.

The RNCAS maintains a higher than legally required standard for the protection of horses and the public from the Hendra virus.

The RNCAS supports the enforcement of international best practice for the prevention of Hendra Virus.

The RNCAS will follow its bio-security control procedures across the Royal Canberra Show site and within the Horse area. All Horse Section staff will be briefed on the procedures for horses on site regarding the Hendra Virus and the importance of biosecurity.

All horses from endemic Hendra affected areas require mandatory 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.

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
	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.