

## **EHV-1 Precautionary Recommendations for Participation in Cutting Events**

**(until further notice)**

**Due to concerns about the recent EHV-1 outbreak, the National Cutting Horse Assn. is recommending a “No Fever” policy to help any attending horses from possible exposure. All attendees should be prepared with digital rectal thermometers to take their horses’ temperatures.**

1. A “No Fever” policy should be established for horses attending the cutting event. Event management should give the participants prior notice of the new “No Fever” policy before they arrive at the show grounds. They should provide instructions to exhibitors for obtaining the horse’s temperature as well as an index card on which to record temperature readings for each horse.
  - a. All horses should have temperatures taken upon arriving on the grounds of the competition.
  - b. All horses should have temperatures taken twice daily and results posted and results posted on the front of the stall/pen for inspection. Forms for recording the temperatures will be provided upon arrival and check-in.
  - c. Any horse will be subject to random temperature check by the show veterinarian or designated member of the veterinary staff during the event.
  - d. Any horse with a fever of 102°F or greater should be removed from the event and premises immediately
  - e. If the owner cannot move the horse off the premises, a professional horse hauler contracted by the event will remove the horse to a designated isolation area at the owner’s expense. The horse should be tested for EHV-1, as soon as possible at the owner’s expense.

**It is understood that most horses with a fever will not have EHV-1; however, in the interest of conducting a safe event under the current circumstances, the “No Fever” policy should be enforced as a necessary bio-security measure.**