

Lovell Equine Newsletter



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Rules Regarding Travel



There seems to be a lot of confusion regarding the laws governing travel with horses from state to state. As autumn approaches, many folks look forward to hooking up their trailers for their favorite trail or a long awaited com-

petition. Avoid any problems that might put a damper on your trip by having the proper information. The law has always required a 30day equine interstate health certificate and a current coggins test, when crossing the state line. To check state by state you can log onto www.globalvetlink.com, look under state regulations for the state you wish to visit. Another way to travel is by getting an equine passport. This program is fairly new and

the states participating are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and West Virginia. Obtaining a passport is a process, but it will give you 6 months travel within those states, while a health certificate only gives you 30 days within any state. Depending on your places and frequency of travel, you can decide which option would be better for you.

IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE YOU WE NOW HAVE DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHY AVAILABLE AT LOVELL EQUINE CLINIC.

THIS SYSTEM HAS BETTER QUALITY AND MORE PRECISE PICTURES. THERE IS NO WAITING FOR PROCESSING AND WE ALSO NOW HAVE THE ABILITY TO E-MAIL PICTURES TO REFERRING VETERINARIANS. THE DIGITAL X-RAY WILL ALSO ALLOW US TO TAKE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGES THE FIRST TIME EVERY TIME. IT ALSO ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR RETAKES AND SECOND TRIPS TO THE FARM TO RESHOOT THE VIEWS THAT WERE MISSED. WE CAN BURN YOU A COPY OF THE X-RAYS TO KEEP ON FILE.

Steps to Obtain Health Certificate or Passport

To Obtain a Health Certificate:

1. Schedule appointment with Veterinarian
2. Check State for Regulations
3. Bring destination address including street address with animal during the exam

To Obtain an Equine Passport

1. Apply for Tennessee Premises number-go to www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/regulatory/tpis.html for the registration link.
2. Schedule appointment for Health Certificate. Health

Certificate must be for Equine Passport only. Bring original coggins or have Veterinarian counter sign an original copy. Coggins must be good for the six-month Passport period.

3. Have a permanent form of identification such as lip tattoo, a unique brand, microchip, or a digital photo in low-resolution "jpeg" format.
4. Fill out Equine Passport Application-go to www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/regulatory/equinepassport.html for application link.

5. Once Application and information sent in owner responsible for keeping an itinerary of travel and purpose to be sent in to State Veterinarian at the end of the six-month period. Copies of Itinerary and State Exceptions can be found at www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/regulatory/equinepassport.html We now have Microchips. You can schedule to have one implanted. Microchip readers can also be ordered for your convenience.

Lovell Equine Clinic is proud to announce the addition of a website. The site is still in progress but will be coming soon! www.lovellequineclinic.com

Our clinic e-mail address has also changed. You can e-mail the office at contact@lovellequineclinic.com you can also reach Laura at laura@lovellequineclinic.com for your scheduling needs