Private Practitioner Perspective on Equine Regulatory Disease Events and Biosecurity

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Perspectives

- Regulatory Veterinarians
- Owners, Trainers
- Show Managers
- The General Practitioner / Show Veterinarian

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• General Practitioner practices are heavily weighted in performance, pleasure/farm, preventive medicine, emergency services
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• Equine Regulatory Disease Events are increasing in incidence
• Regulations and rules are constantly changing
• Reportable diseases vary by state
GP Perspective

• GP communications are complicated by delays in information from official channels while dealing with rumors, social media, clients, and show officials.

  ***Terminology can be an issue***
Perspectives

- often assumed regulatory veterinarians or universities would manage an equine regulatory disease event.
GP Perspective

- Biosecurity is not a routine part of equine general practice
GP Perspective

• Confusion regarding responsibilities:
  – Setting up quarantine, isolation, durations, cleaning/disinfection protocols

• Risk communication...whose job is it?
Changing the Perspective

• Increased guidance from associations, federations, and regulatory avenues to support GPs in being prepared for equine regulatory disease events and biosecurity
Changing the Perspective

• The general practitioner can increase their preparedness for equine regulatory disease events by:
  – monitoring the Equine Disease Communication Center
  – having mobile-friendly reference materials identified and available
  – reviewing general biosecurity principles prior to an event.
Questions?