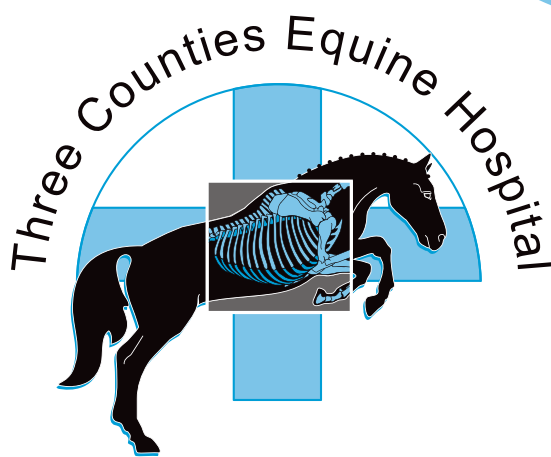




Artificial Insemination

at Three Counties Equine Hospital

For the 2026 season we offer packages for both chilled and frozen Artificial Insemination

Chilled Semen Package

£455+VAT
(£546 inc VAT,
livery not included)

The chilled Semen Package includes:

- Endometrial swab and culture.
- Ultrasound examinations prior to and including the first (14-15 days) and second (16-17 days) pregnancy scan.
- Insemination and evaluation of semen.
- One routine lavage post insemination.
- Ovulation induction agent (Chorulon or Ovuplant)
- Prostaglandin injection and oxytocin injections as required.
- Caslicks, if required.



If the mare is not in foal after the first cycle the fee is reduced to £420 + VAT (£504.00 inc VAT) for the second cycle and £367 + VAT (£440.40 inc VAT) for the 3rd cycle.

The package does not include livery (£15.78 +VAT/day at grass, £27.56 +VAT/day stabled, £35.97+VAT/day mare with foal at foot stabled), treatment of endometritis, twin reduction, non routine drugs including sedation, any other laboratory charges, postage of semen transport containers and other treatments which may be required.

The package is for work carried out at Three Counties Equine Hospital. Any work carried out at your premises will be billed as normal.

Frozen Semen Package

£509.25+VAT

(£611.10 inc VAT,
livery not included)

The frozen Semen Package includes:

- Endometrial swab and culture.
- Ultrasound examinations prior to and including the first (14-15 days) and second (16-17 days) pregnancy scan.
- Insemination and evaluation of semen.
- One routine lavage post insemination.
- Ovulation induction agent (Chorulon or Ovuplant)
- Prostaglandin injection and oxytocin injections as required.
- Caslicks, if required.



This includes everything as for the chilled semen packages. The package does not include livery (£15.78 +VAT/day at grass, £27.56 +VAT/day stabled, £35.97+VAT/day mare with foal at foot stabled), treatment of endometritis, twin reduction, non routine drugs including sedation, any other laboratory charges, postage of semen transport containers and other treatments which may be required.

If the mare is not in foal after the first cycle the fee is reduced to £498 +VAT (£597.60 inc VAT) for the second cycle and £446.25 +VAT (£535.50 inc VAT) for the third cycle.

The cost for frozen AI is higher than for chilled as more ultrasound examinations are required and semen thawing and insemination is more involved. Frozen semen is stored free of charge during the AI course. If you wish semen to be stored long term a charge of £120.75 ex VAT (£144.90 inc VAT) will be applicable and is charged annually.

Please note that semen from outside the UK must be accompanied by the relevant import health papers.

Three Counties Equine Hospital AI Package Terms and Conditions

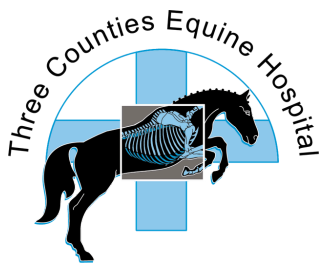
- **All mares admitted to Three Counties Equine Hospital for AI must have had a negative clitoral CEM and EVA blood test result taken from January 2026 prior to admittance.**
- If a mare requires any treatment that is not included in the package fee, we will contact you to advise you of the cost and to gain consent for any treatment to be carried out.
- If during one of the examinations included in the package fee, a problem is identified that would make it difficult for the mare to conceive we will contact you to discuss the available options. If you choose to discontinue the programme a refund will be made reflecting the amount of work outstanding.
- If a cycle is undertaken and semen does not arrive in time or arrives from outside of the UK without the original health papers and is not inseminated, the package fee will stand and any further cycles will be charged at the appropriate second or third cycle fee.
- The first and second pregnancy scan (approximately 14-15 days and 16-17 days post ovulation) may be carried out free of charge at the Hospital or free of charge but with the usual visit fee if performed at home.
- We strongly recommend that any horse coming into the Hospital is vaccinated against influenza and tetanus.
- It is a legal requirement that all mares visiting Three Counties Equine Hospital are accompanied by their passport and we ask that these are made available on arrival.
- Three Counties Equine Hospital reserves the right to refuse entry to any mare that is considered an unacceptable health risk to any other animal on the premises.
- For full details of our general terms and conditions please refer to our website www.tceh.co.uk.

Please feel free to contact the surgery on **01684 592099** if you have any questions regarding Artificial Insemination.

Get in touch with us!

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Equine Embryo Transfer Services

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Advanced reproductive techniques to help you breed from your mare without interrupting her performance.

Embryo transfer (ET) is the process of taking an embryo from one mare (the donor) and transferring it into a surrogate mare (the recipient) who then carries the pregnancy to term.

There are multiple reasons why a breeder might choose ET. Most commonly it is used to allow a younger competition mare to be bred from while continuing her competition career. It can allow multiple crosses from the same mare in one breeding season in order to maximise her genetic potential. It may also be used to breed from mares who are unable to carry their own pregnancy for whatever reason e.g. older age, poor uterine health or orthopaedic issues.

The donor mare is bred as normal using artificial insemination or natural cover. Her cycle is followed closely as knowing the timing of ovulation is critical. Recipient mares are synchronised to cycle ideally a day or two after the donor mare. Horses aren't as easy to synchronise as other species so, if possible, we like to set up a few recipients per donor mare which then allows us to choose the recipient that best lines up and also provides for the possibility of multiple embryos. That said, we often don't have this luxury and the process is very possible with just one recipient but it may take longer to get them to synchronise.

Between 7 and 9 days after ovulation the donor mare's uterus is flushed and the embryo, if present, is retrieved via a filter, cleaned and transferred into the waiting recipient. Five days after this the recipient is scanned for pregnancy.



Recipient Mares:

Choosing a good recipient mare is vital to the success of the process. Ideally potential recipients should fit the following criteria:

- 4-14 years
- Quiet/Calm temperament
- Equal or greater in size to the donor
- Good vulval conformation
- Uterus/Ovaries showing normal healthy anatomy on scan
- Free from EVA/EIA and CEM

Synchronised recipient mare fee per donor cycle	£295 + VAT
Flush and search fee	£300 + VAT
Embryo transfer fee	£240 + VAT



Maidens v Barren Mares:

Ideally we would use mares that have had one or two foals as these should hold a pregnancy well and are already proven mothers. However, we don't always get that luxury. Older multiparous mares can have declining uterine health. Maiden mares can be the best candidates as far as uterine health is concerned but they can present more of a challenge as first time mothers. Choosing a good quality calm mare is key and we try to assess potential recipients on an individual basis.

Finding Recipient Mares:

At Three Counties Equine Hospital we are able to help find suitable recipient mares. You may have a suitable mare yourself which is the ideal. If not we are able to arrange to transport flushed embryos to an external ET facility who will run large herds of recipient mares. Embryos need to arrive at these facilities within 6hrs of being flushed and are then transferred into a pre-arranged synchronised recipient mare.

ET centres will charge a recipient mare hire fee. The recipient mare will usually come to live with you once she is scanned past 42 days in foal and remain with you until the foal is weaned. It will be your responsibility to make sure recipient mares are kept in good order and returned with all their various health requirements up to date and certified.

Maximising the success of ET:

There are many factors that influence the success of an embryo transfer programme. These include:

- Choosing the right donor mare – mares with good fertility, in good health and free from stress. Competition mares may benefit from a period of rest prior to commencing ET
- Choosing the right recipient
- Accurate scanning and post ovulatory treatment – Attention to detail in timings of insemination, ovulation and treatment is essential
- Experience and dexterity of the veterinary surgeon – the more experience a vet has the better they become at handling and transferring embryos. At TCEH Lucy Brock MRCVS CertAVP(ESM) has many years experience of running embryo transfer programmes
- Surroundings and facilities – Embryos require very careful handling in clean and hygienic conditions. Flushing embryos requires the use of a good set of stocks in a nice clean environment ideally with a designated laboratory where ideal conditions are maintained

If you are considering Embryo Transfer with your mare please feel free to contact Lucy directly on [07483 550070](tel:07483550070) or email: lucy.brock@tceh.co.uk.

She will be more than happy to discuss your options and answer and queries you may have.

