

TWEMLOWS HALL STUD FARM AI & Embryo Transfer Centre

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DEFRA Approved Training Courses for Artificial Insemination Technicians 2009/10

Thank you for your enquiry. Twemlows Hall Stud Farm is a family run business with an Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfer Centre managed by Edward Matson and a DEFRA approved Semen Collection and Freezing unit managed by Tullis Matson. We have been in operation since 1990 and developed the skills and facilities to be one of the UK's leading centres with high performance results. This experience is what led to our introducing the AI training courses and it is here at Twemlows Hall Stud Farm that the majority of new entrants to AI have been trained since the deregulation procedures commenced.

The Veterinary Surgery (Artificial Insemination of Mares) Order came into force on 6th July 2004. The effect of this Order is to allow such persons who are aged 18 years or more to carry out "artificial insemination under the direct and continuous supervision of a veterinary surgeon as part of an approved course"; or who "has been granted, and is acting in accordance with, a certificate of exemption". More details can be found on the DEFRA website, www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/ahws/vservices/equine-ai/index.htm.

The course is designed for those with an interest in artificial insemination. Most delegates attend in order to obtain a certificate so that they can carry out equine artificial insemination but some come on the course so that they can understand the procedures of artificial insemination rather than actually carrying out AI, and also to learn how to assess semen quality for themselves.

Please find attached the details our courses for 2009/10 and a course booking form. We would be very pleased to discuss any questions you may have about the courses.

We look forward to welcoming you to Twemlows Hall in the future.

Yours sincerely

Liz Wilkinson
(Course Secretary)

Enclosures

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In Association with R L Matson & Son and Stallion AI Services Ltd

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION TECHNICIANS **TRAINING COURSE**

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA) APPROVED COURSE
IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS (RCVS)

Course Dates: 25th & 26th November 2009
17th & 18th February 2010

The course is designed for owners/managers of studs/stallions, breeders and veterinarians with an interest in artificial insemination. Delegates will be assessed throughout the two day course which includes a practical test and a short written test paper.

Lecture Room Sessions

- Stallion Handling
- Semen Production
- Anatomy of the Mare
- Care of Mare Before & After Insemination
- Artificial Insemination
- Ethics & Record Keeping

Practical Sessions

- Semen Collection
- Semen Assessment
- Fresh, Chilled & Frozen Semen Handling
- Semen Packaging
- Artificial Insemination

All lectures and practical sessions are held on one site at Twemlows Hall Stud Farm

The course is delivered by a team of professional experienced lecturers in AI led by Dr Jonathan Pycock MRCVS. He is supported by Dick Quan Taylor MRCVS, Dr Caroline Argo MRCVS and Tullis Matson of Stallion AI Services Ltd.

Cost of course: £459.58 (plus VAT)

**Successful candidates will be awarded a “Certificate of Competence”
and will be competent in AI procedures.**

However only continued experience will make them proficient.

Please note that knowledge and experience of horses is important, and DEFRA only issues certificates to persons over the age of 18 years.

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Email: lizwilkinson@twemlows.co.uk or visit www.twemlows.co.uk

The courses are being sponsored and supported by:



TWEMLOWS HALL STUD FARM

A.I. and E.T. CENTRE & STALLION SEMEN COLLECTION CENTRE

FOALING COURSE

A one day course designed to give background knowledge & understanding of foaling the mare

Course dates: 28th February & 27th March 2010

- Preparation for a safe foaling
- Complications of late pregnancy
- Signs of foaling including use of Foaling Alarms
- Inducing the mare
- Normal foaling in the mare
- How to recognise when something is going wrong & what to do
- Examination of the placenta
- Newborn foal examination
- The orphan foal and adoption

CARE OF YOUR FOAL DURING ITS FIRST YEAR

A one day course designed to give an understanding of foal care

Course date: 28th March 2010

- Worming & Vaccinations
- Common Diseases
- Weaning
- Nutrition & OCD
- Foal Handling & Foot Care
- How to recognise when something is going wrong & what to do
- Practical Session: Examination of Foal

These courses, designed for large & small breeders, are delivered by experienced veterinary surgeons and other Equine Reproduction & Stud specialists.

Lecture panel includes: Dr Jonathan Pycok MRCVS of Equine Reproductive Services, Dick Quan-Taylor MRCVS of Fyrnwy Equine Clinics, Miss Johanna Vardon MBE of The National Foaling Bank, Louise Jones MSc BSc (Hons) of Dodson & Horrell and Steve Lloyd RSS, Farrier.

Price of courses: £92.77 plus VAT per course

Both courses start at 0900 & finish at 1645 approx

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**TWEMLOWS HALL STUD FARM
EQUINE TRAINING COURSES
BOOKING FORM 2009/10**

To book a place on the courses, please complete this form (one per delegate) and return with payment to:-

**R L Matson & Son, Twemlows Hall Stud Farm, Whitchurch, Shropshire
SY13 2EZ, UK**

Delegate's Details (PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr Other

First name _____ Surname _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Job Title: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

County: _____ Postcode: _____

PLEASE TICK COURSES YOU WISH TO ATTEND:

- 1. **AI Technicians Course: 25 & 26 November 2009 (£528.52)**.....
- 2. **AI Technicians Course: 17 & 18 February 2010 (£528.52)**.....
- 3. **Foaling Course: 28 February 2010 (£106.69)**.....
- 4. **Foaling Course: 27 March 2010 (£106.69)**.....
- 5. **Care of Your Foal Course: 28 March 2010 (£106.69)**

ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON AND ARE INCLUSIVE OF 15% VAT*
(*NB VAT rate increased to 17.5% for all bookings received after 1st January 2010)

The fee includes tuition & refreshments/lunch (AI Technicians course also includes a course folder of notes sent a week in advance of the course). Cheques payable to R L Matson & Son or payment by credit card* is accepted

**NB: There is a 2% surcharge for payment by credit card only (does not apply to debit cards).*

Following receipt of your booking form and cheque, a vat receipted invoice (which confirms your place on the course) will be sent to you together with further details, including directions. Payment is required to secure your place. General Information sheet/Terms & Conditions with accommodation details are attached or available on request.

I fully appreciate the inherent dangers of working with stallions and mares and I take full responsibility for my own safety whilst attending any of these courses.

I enclose a cheque / wish to pay by card (Mastercard / Maestro / Visa Credit / Visa Debit / Visa Electron / Switch / Solo - please circle which card applicable. If no selection the 2% surcharge applies.

Name on Card: Credit card no:

Start date:..... End date: If Switch Issue No: Security Digits:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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2009/2010

**DEFRA APPROVED TRAINING COURSES FOR ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION TECHNICIANS
STUD MANAGEMENT COURSE
FOALING COURSES
CARE OF THE FOAL COURSES**

GENERAL INFORMATION

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Fees quoted include tuition, course materials and refreshments during the day. Fees are subject to Value Added Tax. Your place will be reserved on receipt of the course fee which is non refundable in the last 21 days before a course starts. Cheques payable to R L Matson & Son. VAT Registration Number: 278 4516 26. (Fees can be paid in Euros. The amount is subject to confirmation based on the exchange rate at the time, and cheques in Euros to be made out to 'R T Matson'). *NB: There is a 2% surcharge for payment by credit card only (does not apply to debit cards).

HEALTH AND SAFETY

You will be working with stallions and mares in 'field' conditions. Whilst all reasonable care will be taken R L Matson & Son, Stallion AI Services Ltd and the supporting companies take no responsibility for any injury to delegates on the course however caused. The courses are only suitable for those people who have experience of equines and fully understand the risks involved when working with stallions and mares.

CANCELLATIONS

Our contract commences when we write to confirm that we have accepted the delegate on to the appropriate programme. The fee is not refundable if cancellation is within 21 days of the start of the course. R L Matson & Son reserves the right to cancel the courses if the number of delegates does not warrant running a course.

ACCOMMODATION & COURSE DINNER

A list of local accommodation is available on request. Accommodation should be booked *direct* at the time you book a place on the course. Please make it clear you are attending one of our courses.

AI Technicians courses: The course dinner is held on the evening of the first day. The venue will be The Hawkstone Park Hotel, Weston-under-Redcastle (approx. 5 miles south of Twemlows Hall on A49). The cost of bed, breakfast and dinner per person is £65; for those staying in local bed & breakfasts, the dinner separately will be £18 per person.

Contact: Hawkstone Park Hotel – tel: 01948 841700; email: info@hawkstone.co.uk;
website: www.hawkstone.co.uk

R L Matson & Son and Stallion AI Services Ltd reserve the right to amend the published programme, which may include substitute lecturers if any of the panel are unable to attend.

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