New, returning or visiting horses

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3. Consider a guttural pouch endoscopy to determine if strangles is present.

All horses
4. Ensure vaccinations up to date.
5. Use clean equipment for all health treatments and vaccinations.
6. Take daily rectal temperatures of stabled/performance horses.
7. Group horses e.g. separate competition from stay-at-home horses.
8. Wash hands, use separate protective clothing between groups.

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Property Management
14. Avoid locating horse venues in swampy areas, near bat colonies or intensive piggeries.
15. Shelter belts, double fencing provide a biosecurity barrier.
16. Regularly clean and disinfect stables, equipment, vehicles.
17. Regularly clean & disinfect tooth rasps, brushes, twitches etc between horses.
18. Control insects and rodents

Travel
19. Avoid use of communal watering points