



BREEDING YOUR MARE WITH FROZEN SEMEN INFORMATION 2025

As more international stallions become available through imported frozen sperm, mare owners are looking to this breeding option for accessing a more diverse genetic pool. At Scone Equine Hospital we have extensive specialist experience in breeding mares using frozen sperm technology. We are also one of only two Select Breeders Services Affiliate Laboratories in Australia, producing quality-controlled cryopreservation of stallion sperm. We have found that there are three essential factors for successful breeding with frozen sperm:

1. Veterinarians skilled in the management of mare for insemination with frozen sperm
2. Good quality frozen semen
3. Fertile mares

If one of these key elements is not present, then there is a high likelihood of an unsatisfactory breeding outcome. In most cases we do not recommend using frozen sperm to breed mares with a history of pregnancy failure, mares with susceptibility to infection or aged mares unless there are no alternatives. Breeding with frozen sperm is a time consuming and intensive exercise. Spermatozoa needs to be present in the uterus as close to ovulation as possible to achieve the best pregnancy outcomes. To maximize conception rates, ovulation induction agents as well as other hormone management is used to allow the frozen sperm to be deposited as close to ovulation as possible.

Mares to be bred with frozen sperm will be admitted to the Breeding Centre for routine ultrasound management to allow accurate timing of insemination. In general, if a stallion has commercially acceptable post thaw sperm quality, fertility should be 50-55% pregnant after one cycle and 70-80% pregnant after the breeding season. These are internationally reported industry pregnancy rates. However, the fertility of frozen sperm, just like fresh and cooled semen, is highly dependent on the stallion. Veterinary practices with greater experience & proven results can greatly improve this industry average. You can expect that an ovulation induction agent will be used on each cycle to allow for accurate timing of ovulation.

Some mares may present with fluid in the uterus. In these cases, a uterine swab may be taken to identify whether there is a persistent uterine infection which may require treatment with intrauterine antimicrobials and/or uterine lavage and oxytocin therapy. Some mares may react inappropriately to artificial insemination with frozen sperm and may have a profuse endometrial response with inflammatory secretions. This disease process is known as post breeding endometritis. This also may occur with live cover and cooled semen breeding. These mares will require lavage after insemination and oxytocin to facilitate uterine clearance before the developing embryo reaches the uterus.

The breeding fees are charged on a per cycle basis. The fee includes all pre and post breeding ultrasound examinations, ovulation induction agents (Chorulon™, Deslorelin™, Syntocin, Lutalyse, Juramate), artificial insemination, sperm analysis, frozen sperm storage for the breeding season & pregnancy scans. It does NOT include laboratory costs, agistment or other drugs used. It does not include sedations charges. All frozen sperm doses are analysed after thawing and are assessed objectively using computer assisted sperm analysis (CASA).

The mare owner is responsible for all freight costs associated with the delivery of the breeding doses to SEH and for liquid nitrogen canister/dry shipper hire and return freight. Frozen sperm must be at SEH **PRIOR** to the arrival of the mare. We will transfer the frozen straws on arrival and immediately return canisters to their designated locations.

SURPLUS STRAWS

In some cases, there are surplus straws left over after breeding mares. Please be **certain** as to your rights to retention of surplus straws as you have, in most cases, bought the rights to one registerable foal, not as many foals as you can get out of one consignment of sperm. It may not be in your interests to retain excess straws and the stallion owner may seek to reclaim those straws. There will be a charge for storing straws for subsequent seasons. Our storage fees are **\$23.00/month** (1-100 straws) and **\$48.00/month** (100-500 straws). We will require your instructions regarding any surplus straws at the time of mare discharge. Excess semen will be stored at our Tamworth clinic at the end of the season for a fee.

AGISTMENT

We offer limited short term agistment at Scone Equine Hospital.



FROZEN SEMEN BREEDING AGREEMENT 2025

BETWEEN SCONE EQUINE HOSPITAL

AND..... (Mare Owner) of
.....(address).

It is agreed that the nominated broodmare,.....
will be accepted at the Scone Equine Hospital to be bred to the following nominated Stallion,.....
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using frozen semen and that the mare owner agrees to pay promptly all fees & charges related to this event.

1. The mare owner agrees to make a separate agreement with the stallion owner to pay for all necessary service fees and to arrange for the delivery of frozen semen to Scone Equine Hospital before admission of the mare to the Centre.
2. The mare owner agrees to pay the procedural fee of **\$726.00 (inc. GST)** for each breeding cycle.
 - The fee includes all ultrasound examinations including pregnancy scans (up to 45 days pregnant), routine reproductive drugs (Deslorelin™ or Chorulon™, Syntocin, Lutalyse, Juramate), artificial insemination and semen analysis.
 - It does not include laboratory charges, sedation drug costs or non-routine procedures such as caslicks suturing or uterine cultures.
 - Mares on breeding cycle contracts are entitled to a 50% discount on uterine treatments (lavage & infusions).
3. The mare owner will be responsible for all fees and charges incurred for mare care.
4. SEH will repeat breed the mare as required (in consultation with mare owner) to achieve a pregnancy. This is conditional on the stallion owner supplying sufficient straws for separate breeding opportunities. The Centre does not make any guarantees as to the amount of semen to be made available for any particular stallion.
5. No storage fees are charged for semen used within the current breeding season. Storage fees are incurred for semen remaining in storage after discharge of the mare.
6. SEH does not offer any warranty as to the quality or fertility of frozen semen supplied.
7. SEH cannot make any live foal guarantees. Pregnancy certificates are supplied on confirmation of a normal ultrasonic scanning at 42 or more days.
8. Up to 10% of pregnancies in mares result in twins. The mare owner agrees that this is undesirable and authorises SEH to undertake reduction procedures to a single conceptus. It is acknowledged that this procedure carries some risk of loss of both embryos. The mare owner accepts that per-rectal examination of mares carries a low risk of inadvertent injury to the mare which may be fatal.
9. The mare owner agrees to pay all charges prior to or on discharge of the mare from the Centre.
PROCEDURE FEE – PER CYCLE \$726.00(INC. GST)
2025 AGISTMENT RATES AT SCONE EQUINE HOSPITAL:
 - ALL horses on agistment are fed quality horse hay twice daily.
 - Mares (Wet or Dry) individual paddocks \$49/day
 - NB. Add \$7 a day to all rates if supplementary hard feed required.

DISCLAIMER: Scone Equine Hospital and its staff will take all due care and provide attention to the mare owner's horse whilst at the Centre. However, if problems such as accidental injury, sickness, and lameness occur, the mare owner agrees that the owners, veterinarians, staff members & Centre will not be held liable for these events. Every effort will be made to contact the mare owner prior to treatment for any unforeseen problem. If the mare owner cannot be contacted, Scone Equine Hospital will treat the mare as necessary at the mare owner's expense.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE CONTRACT AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

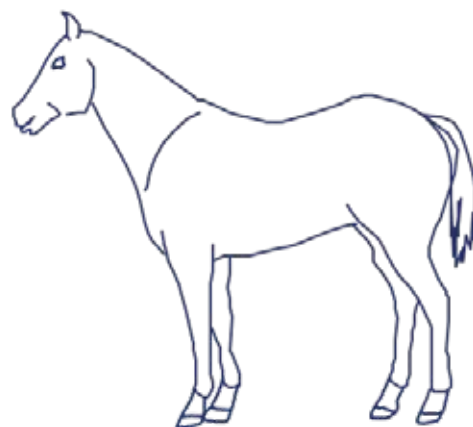
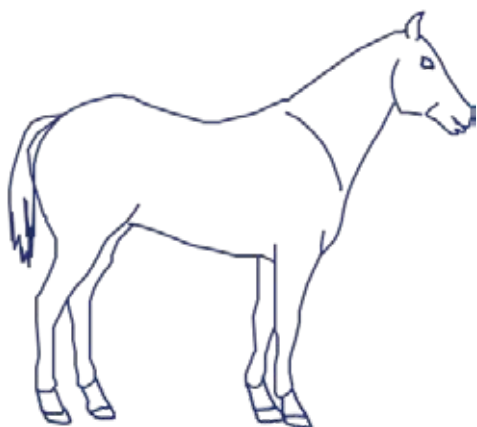
Signed for Mare Owner:.....Date...../...../2025

WITNESSED BY:

Scone Equine Hospital Representative:.....Date...../...../2025



MARE NAME:.....



Owner:.....Telephone: (M).....(B.H).....

CONTRACT TYPE

☐ Live ☐ Chilled ☐ Frozen ☐ Embryo ☐ Transfer

Date of Arrival:.....Brands:.....Age/D.O.B:.....Colour:.....

Microchip:.....Has your Mare been scanned before: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Mare Status: ☐ Maiden ☐ Dry ☐ Wet

IMMUNIZATION HISTORY (To be Completed)

Tetanus Date:.....Strangles Date:.....

Salmonella Date:.....EHV Date:.....

Hendra Date of Last Vaccination:.....Drench Date and Drench Used:.....

FOALING HISTORY

Difficult Foaling: ☐ Yes ☐ No Caslicked: ☐ Yes ☐ No Retained Membrane: ☐ Yes ☐ No Positive Swabs: ☐ Yes ☐ No

FOAL: Date of birth:.....Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Colour/Markings:.....

AGISTMENT: ☐ Individual (Not always available) ☐ Shared

Booked to:.....Year:.....

STALLION DETAILS

1. Stallion Name:.....Stallion Owner/Agent:.....

Phone Numbers:.....Location of stallion/semen:.....

2. Stallion Name:.....Stallion Owner/Agent:.....

Phone Numbers:.....Location of stallion/semen:.....

FARRIER: Are you happy for SEH staff to use their discretion in regard to the need of a farrier? (Owner responsible for charges)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments/ other information/history:.....

SEH USE ONLY

Condition on Arrival:.....

Arrival Date:.....Departure Date:.....

☐ HVMS ☐ Contract Invoiced ☐ Paid:



SCONE EQUINE HOSPITAL ("SEH") TERMS & CONDITIONS

All treatment conducted by Scone Equine Hospital ("SEH") shall be subject to the following Terms and Conditions which bind every Owner of an animal jointly and severally. The Owner providing instructions and obtaining treatment warrants they have the full power and authority to accept these Terms and Conditions.

1. Appointment of Agent

If applicable, the Owner acknowledges that they have appointed a thoroughbred racehorse trainer registered with Racing New South Wales or an agistment Farm as their agent. The Owner further acknowledges that any thoroughbred racehorse trainer or agistment Farm who has custody and control any of the Owner's horses has the power and authority to obtain all veterinary treatment for that horse or horses on the Clients behalf and that the Owner will be responsible for prompt payment of all accounts rendered by SEH to the Owner in respect to that veterinary treatment.

2. Provision of Credit

In the event that the Owner does not complete a formal application for credit, or payment at the time of service provision is not affected SEH provides credit on these terms and conditions only.

3. Monthly Invoice/Statements

SEH will provide a detailed invoice/statement for the provision of service/s and the supply of goods as near as possible to month end or in some cases at the time of discharge.

4. GST

All services are charged inclusive of GST.

5. Payment Terms

5.1 Standard trading terms are strictly 30 days net from the end of month invoice/statement date.

5.2 Interest of 1.25% per month will accrue from the expiry of that period, calculated daily and applied to all late payments. Interest will accrue from day to day and will be payable on demand. The payment of interest by the Owner in respect of any late payment under this clause 5 is in addition to any other remedies that SEH may have in respect of such late payment.

6. Security Interest – Personal Property Securities Act 2009

6.1 This Agreement constitutes a Security Agreement for the purposes of the Act and where the context requires the words used in this Agreement should be given the same meaning as in the Act.

6.2 As security for any outstanding fees or other monetary obligations incurred in servicing, feeding or developing the Horse, the Owner:

- (a) grants to SEH a Security Interest, being a Charge over the Horse and any proceeds realised from either the sale thereof or any insurance policy relating thereto,
- (b) consents to the registration of the Security Interest created by this Agreement on the Personal Properties Security Register ("PPSR"),
- (c) consents to SEH registering a financing statement and/or financing change statement with the PPSR.

6.3 The Owner acknowledges that the Progeny is deemed to have come into existence, for the purposes of the Act, from the time of the 45-day positive pregnancy test.

6.4 The Owner undertakes to:

- (a) promptly sign any further documents and/or provide any further information requested by SEH to complete and register any financing statement or any financing change statement with the PPSR; and
- (b) indemnify, and upon demand reimburse, SEH for all expenses incurred in searching, registering and/or discharging a financing statement or any other document with the PPSR and any reasonable enforcement fees and expenses in relation to such Security Interests; and
- (c) not grant any Encumbrance to any other person in the Horse without first obtaining the consent in writing of SEH. SEH will be entitled, at its sole discretion, to withhold consent without providing a reason.

6.5 The Owner acknowledges and waives its rights to notice as a debtor or Grantor under sections 95, 121(4), 129(2)(a), 130, 132(3)(d), 132(4), 135 and 137(2) of the Act.

6.6 The Owner declares that, to the extent permitted under the Act, sections 142 and 143 of the Act will not apply to this Agreement and the Security Interests granted under clause 8.2.

6.7 SEH will discharge the registration of the Security Interests on the PPSR when all of the secured obligations of the Owner under this Agreement are satisfied.

6.8 The Owner warrants that the Horse is not subject to an existing Encumbrance at the time of entering into this Agreement.

SEH's Rights to Seize the Horse if Fees Unpaid

6.9 In the event that:

- (a) the Owner or a third party has possession of the Horse; and
- (b) Fees or other monetary obligations are due but unpaid to SEH under this Agreement; and
- (c) SEH has made demand in writing to the Owner for payment of those monies; and
- (d) SEH has not received such payment within the timeframe specified in the demand;

then, the Owner acknowledges and agrees that SEH is entitled to seize the Horse pursuant to section 138C of the Act and once the Horse is in SEH's possession the Owner agrees that SEH may at its discretion either:

- (i) retain possession of the Horse and have the ownership transferred to SEH; or
- (ii) dispose of the Horse and retain all or part of the proceeds of the disposal in or towards payment of the fees or other monetary obligations.

6.10 The Owner consents to agents of SEH entering onto the Owner's property for the purpose of seizing the Horse and consents to indemnify SEH with respect to any trespass claims should SEH need to seize the Horse from any third-party premises.

Verification Statement

6.11 The Owner waives its rights under section 157 of the Act to receive a verification statement due to the Horse being "commercial property" pursuant to the Act.

Transfer of Title

6.12 The Owner covenants that it will not, nor will it agree to, sell, assign or transfer the Horse until he/she/it has made full payment of any fees and all other monetary obligations to SEH.



Possession

The Owner acknowledges that at the time the Security Interest granted by clause 7.2 of this Agreement is made:

- (a) the Security Interest is granted for value;
- (b) the Security Interest is granted to enable amongst other things the Horse to be fed and developed; and
- (c) the Horse was held by the Owner;

and, as a result, the Security Interest is a Priority Interest in livestock pursuant to section 86 of the Act.

7. Lien, Power of Attorney & Irrevocable Authority

(a) The Owner grants SEH a security interest in the Horse and its Progeny, all insurance policies relating to the Horse and its Progeny. The Owner appoints SEH as its attorney- to execute and file any and all financing statements and agricultural liens and irrevocable authorities to pay in any jurisdiction SEH or to execute any documents with any entity believed to be appropriate to secure any obligation of the Owner. In the event that the charges are not timely paid, SEH may, without notice to the Owner, take possession of the Horse and Progeny and either retain the Horse or Progeny in lieu of the obligation, or re-sell the Horse or Progeny privately or publicly in a manner in its sole discretion it believes to be advisable, in which event SEH shall credit the proceeds of the sale, after expenses of sale and maintaining the Horse or Progeny, to the Owner. This right is in addition to all other rights to which SEH is entitled under law.

(b) It is an express condition of the SEH Mare Reproductive Contract that SEH shall be entitled to a lien over any Mare or its progeny owned by the Mare Owner in respect of any monies due to (whether or not such monies relate to the Mare) and shall have the power to sell the Mare and/or progeny over which such lien is taken to recover such monies (including any interest there on) and for the purpose of exercising the power of sale referred to herein, the Mare Owner hereby irrevocably appoints SEH as the Mare Owner's attorney with the power to sell the costs incurred by a Solicitor on behalf of in respect to the sale of the Mare or its progeny. The Owner absolutely appoints SEH as their power of attorney to enter any Mare and/or its progeny for sale at a public sale or auction, to instruct the auctioneers in relation there to and apply the proceeds of its sale to any monies due to SEH, whether or not such monies relate to the Mare.

(c) For good and valuable consideration, the Owner hereby provides an irrevocable instruction, direction and authority to any sales company who sells any Horses to pay any proceeds of sale of the Horses and to any insurance company to pay any proceeds of an insurance policy for the Horses to SEH to secure any obligation of the Owner to SEH without requiring further notification to the Owner. The acceptance of such proceeds by SEH will be without prejudice to SEH's rights to pursue the Owner for any shortfall of money owing, or other damages. The provision of a certified copy of this document to the sales company or insurance company will be good and sufficient evidence of this authority.

8. Recovery

SEH shall be entitled to sue for and recover against the Owner any service fee charge on the Owner's account as liquidated demand and the Owner agrees that in the event of default the Owner will pay all reasonable costs, charges, legal expenses, and any other collection agents costs necessary and incidental to recovering monies recovered under this agreement.

9. Hold Blameless Acknowledgement – Release and Indemnity

9.1 The Owner acknowledges that the provision of veterinary treatment to horses and other animals is a high-risk activity and that the Owner is able to insure against such losses.

9.2 The Owner acknowledges and agrees that they have been given the opportunity to inspect SEH and that its facilities meet the standard applicable to the equine veterinary facilities of the industry, and that

9.3 SEH will be held blameless in respect to any injury, infection, disease or death of any horse in its care.

9.4 The Owner releases SEH, its owners, partners, employees and agents of it from any Claims and agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified SEH against any liability or loss arising from, and any costs, charges, expenses and liabilities incurred in relation to any Claims relating to the horse or progeny and in each case, including but not limited to, solicitor client, legal costs and expenses on a full indemnity basis.

9.5 Further SEH shall not be liable for any loss, damage or Claims of whatsoever nature or howsoever arising from injury, sickness, disease or death caused to or sustained by the horse or progeny whilst under the care or control of SEH or its employees and agents.

9.6 SEH shall not be liable to the Owner (in the case of more than one, to any of them) for any Claims, loss, damage, costs or expense and arising out of any injury, damage or death which may arise or be caused and notwithstanding the same as attributable to or is in part attributable to recklessness, negligence, forbearance or neglect by SEH or any servant or agent of SEH or any other person in whose care or control SEH may place the horse or progeny.

10. Retention

Retention without limiting SEH rights in respect of a Lien or Power of Attorney SEH shall be entitled to retain possession of the horse and progeny until all monies collection costs and Solicitor client interest costs due and owing for all services have been received from the Owner.

11. Acknowledgements

11.1 The Owner understands and acknowledges that this application is for a commercial credit account.

11.2 The Owner understands and acknowledges that:

(a) The Owner warrants that the correct horse or animal is delivered or presented to SEH.

(b) The Owner is not entitled to raise a set off or counter claim in respect of any amount it owes to SEH and all amounts to be paid by the Owner under this agreement will be paid in full without deduction or withholding.

(c) The Owner acknowledges the fact that a party fails to do, or delays in doing, something the party is entitled to do under these terms and conditions does not amount to a waiver.

(d) The Owner authorises SEH to administer local, general anaesthetic, perform surgery and carry out diagnostics procedures.

(e) The Owner acknowledges that no surgical, anaesthetic procedure or diagnostic procedure is without come risk to the horse. The Owner accepts all potential risks including any complications that may develop as a result of this procedure and accept that such complications may incur additional fees. The Owner acknowledges that there is potential for complications following any surgical procedure. The Owner acknowledges that post-operative care 24-hour intensive veterinary treatment, veterinary nursing care, hospitalisation and transportation may be required and SEH instructs for it to be undertaken as deemed necessary.

(f) The Owner acknowledges that it must make a deposit of 50% of the estimated costs of treatment before any surgical procedure is performed and that the balance of the account is settled in full prior to the horse being discharged from the SEH care.

(g) The Owner understands that de-identified veterinary data, obtained while the horse is under veterinary care may be used for future scientific publications.

(h) The Owner understands treatment of the horse may involve the use of drugs that are not specifically registered for horses, accept the veterinarian has the legal authority for off-label use of these drugs & authorise them to use these drugs if deemed appropriate.



12. Law

The Law of New South Wales governs this agreement and the parties submit to the jurisdiction of that state.

13. Severance

If for any reason any part of these terms and conditions would render the Agreement ineffective, void, voidable, illegal or unenforceable, that part shall, without in any way affecting the validity of the remainder of the Agreement, be severable here from and the Agreement shall be read and construed and take effect for all purpose as if that part were not contained herein.

14. Implied Terms

14.1 Except as required by statute and including the Competition and Consumer Act 2010), all implied conditions and warranties are hereby excluded. Subject to the extent that such conditions and warranties cannot be excluded under statute (including the Competition and Consumer Act 2010)

14.2 Except as required by statute (including the Competition and Consumer Act 2010) SEH does not accept liability for any direct, indirect or consequential loss of damage caused to the Owner or any other person which arises out of the negligence or carelessness of SEH or any of its employees, servants or agents. For the purpose of the foregoing "consequential loss" shall include, but not be limited to, loss of profit or goodwill (or similar financial loss), any payment made or due to any third party and any loss or damage caused by delay in the supply of goods or services.

15. Notices

All notices between SEH and the Owner shall be considered to have been sufficiently delivered if mailed in the ordinary course of post and will be deemed to have been delivered three (3) days after mailing to the address provided, or such other address notified to SEH by the Owner in writing, or if the Owner is a company, the registered office or principal place of business. In the case of email, notices shall be deemed to have been delivered the next business day after the successful transmission of an email addressed to the Owner at the Owner's email address provided or such other address notified to SEH by the Owner in writing notwithstanding that any such notice may not be received by the Owner.

16. Agency

In the event that services are obtained by an agent on behalf of the Owner, or a representative or principle on behalf of the Owner if the Owner is an organization or corporation, the agent, representative or principle hereby unconditionally guarantees the full and prompt payment of the charges as well as the full and prompt performance by the Owner of any and all other obligations in these terms and conditions. The agent agrees he or she will be personally liable and jointly and severally liable with the Owner to pay all monies owed to SEH. The foregoing guarantee and warranty shall remain in effect regardless of whether the agent, representative, or principal retains his or her status as such following the execution of this agreement.

17. Definitions

In these Credit Terms & Conditions:

"Claims" means all claims, investigations, demands, actions, proceedings, suits causes of action, damages, debts, costs, verdicts and judgments whatsoever whether at law or in equity or under any statute including but not limited to all claims arising from or out of damage to the Horse or Progeny or as a consequence thereof which relate to any incident or matter which occurred as a result of the horse or progeny being exposed to any disease, injury or death whilst at SEH or as a result of movement of the horse from SEH for the purpose of service of the horse, foaling or treatment, and whether at common law, in equity or arising out of the provisions of any statute.

"Encumbrance" means:

- (a) any Security Interest; (as defined in the PPSA)
- (b) any right, interest or arrangement which has the effect of giving another person a preference, priority or advantage over creditors, including any right of set-off;
- (c) any third party right or interest in property, or any right arising as a consequence of the enforcement of a judgment;
- (d) or any agreement to create any of them or allow them to exist.

"Farm" means the farm where the Horse resides.

"Goods" means any pharmaceutical or veterinary product used to treat an equine.

"Horse" means any horse and its progeny owned by the Owner.

"Security Interest" means:

- (a) In relation to any personal property (as defined in the Act), has the same meaning given to it as defined in section 12 of the Act; and
- (b) In relation to any other property, means any charge, mortgage, pledge, bill of sale, hypothecation, lien, arrangement concerning the deposit of documents evidencing title, trust, power, title retention arrangement or any other covenant or arrangement of any nature made to secure the payment of money or the observance of an obligation.

"Service/s" means any form of veterinary services including treatment, surgery, diagnostic aid, laboratory test, advice, or any other veterinary involvement in the treatment of an equid.

"The Act" means the Personal Property Securities Act 2009.

"The Owner" means the person, part owner, lessee, part lessee, syndicate member, syndicate manager, director, shareholder secretary, trustee, beneficiary, company, entity or any person who is recognised as an owner both jointly and severally, where there is more than one person who by definition shares ownership in the horse, or other person passing a horse to SEH that were provided with veterinary services and/or goods.

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I have read and understand the attached terms and conditions and agree to abide by them.

Please return this agreement to:

Richelle Betteridge at SCONE EQUINE HOSPITAL,

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PH: 02 65451333

E: Richelle.betteridge@australianveterinarygroup.com.au