

EHV-1 Outbreak

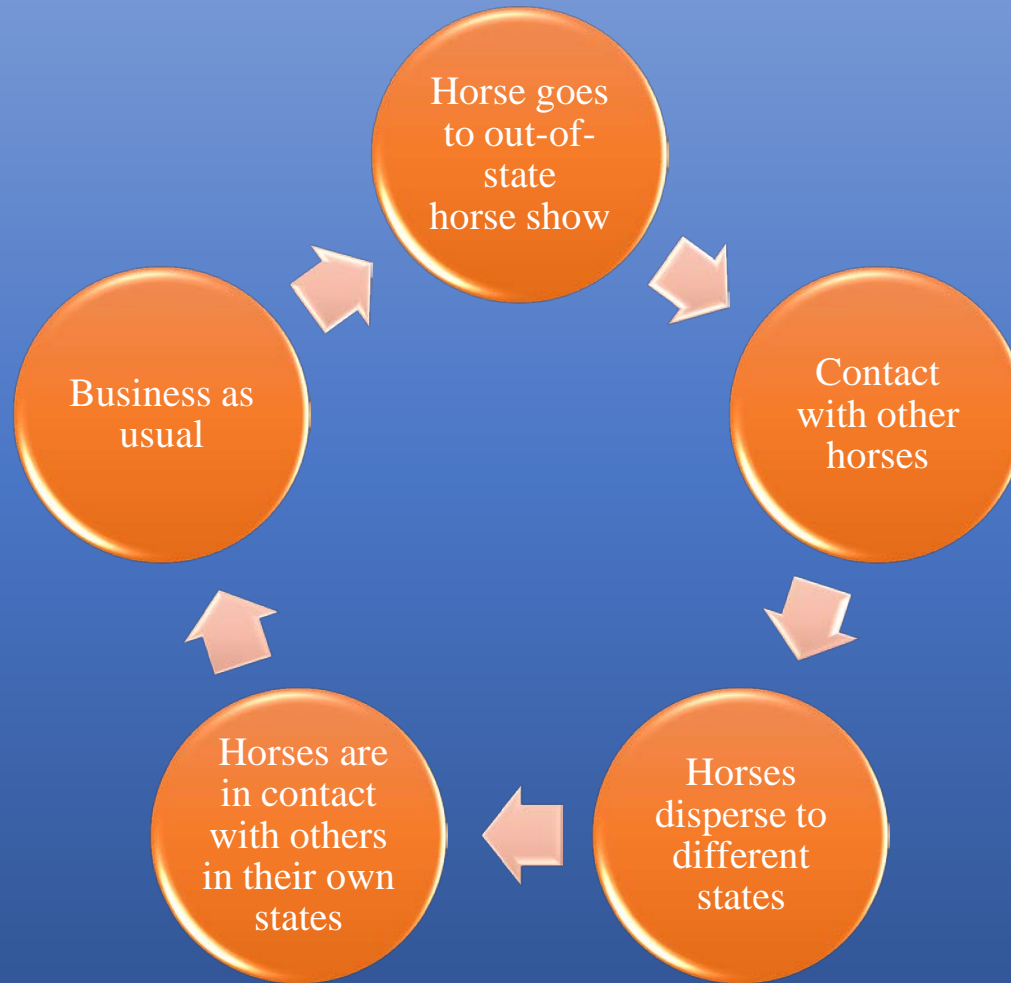


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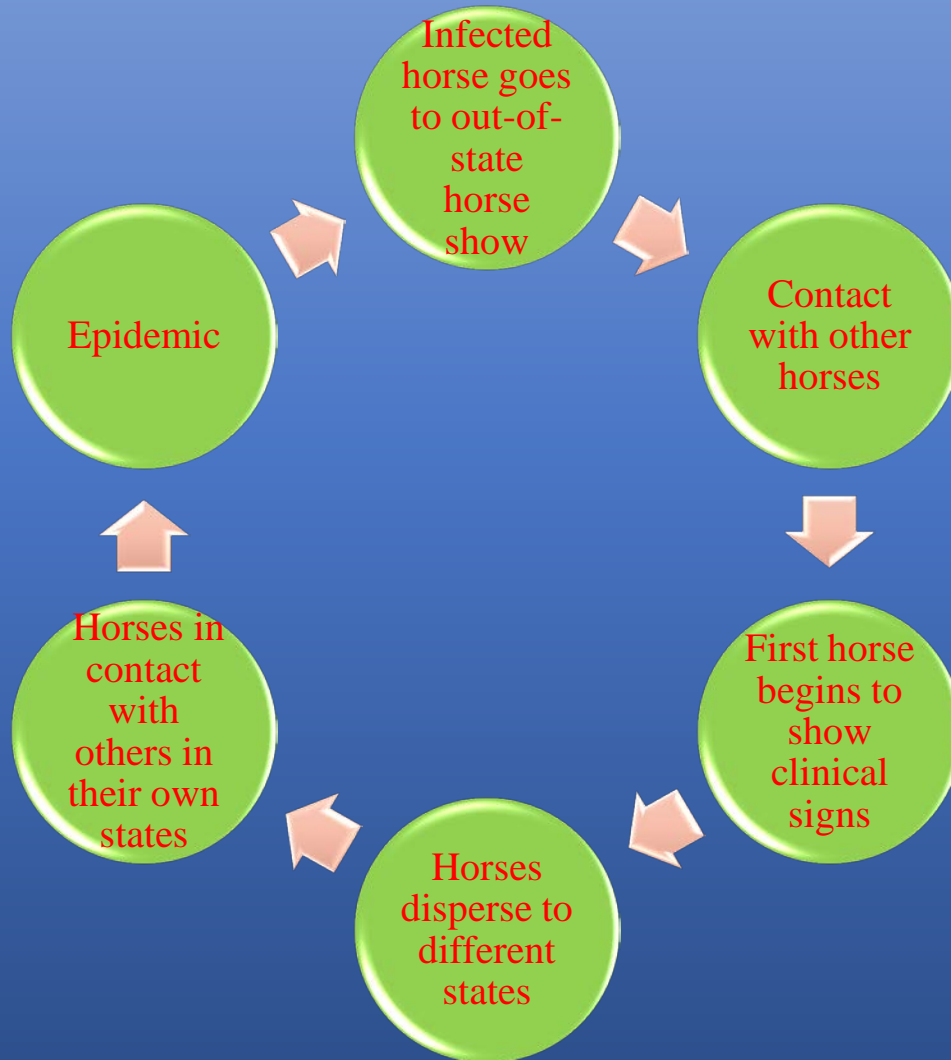
Equine Herpes Virus-1

- ▶ Viral disease
 - ▶ Neuropathogenic
 - ▶ Non-neuropathogenic
- ▶ Transmission: direct/indirect
- ▶ Incubation: 2-10 days
- ▶ Clinical signs:
 - ▶ Respiratory: fever $>102^{\circ}$ F (1-7 days), coughing, depression, inappetence, and nasal discharge.
 - ▶ Reproductive: abortion (months 7 and 11 of gestation, about 2-12 weeks post-infection).
 - ▶ Neurologic: mild incoordination, hindlimb paralysis, recumbency, loss of bladder and tail tone.
- ▶ Diagnosis: PCR nasal swab, whole blood
- ▶ Treatment: supportive

Normal Movement of Animals



Why Issue a Quarantine ?



Misery Loves Company



- Natl. Cutting Horse Association April 29- May 8, 2011
- More than 400 horses exposed in 19 states
- 1635 horses at risk for secondary exposure
- 90 confirmed cases in 10 states, 13 dead horses
- Of the 90 confirmed, 54 had been at show

2016 EHV-1 Outbreak

▶ How it all began

- ▶ First confirmed case 1/21/2016
- ▶ By 1/22/2016, 4 quarantined facilities
- ▶ Approx. 3000 horses under quarantine

▶ Diagnosis

- ▶ Clinical signs
- ▶ PCR on whole blood and nasal swabs

2016 EHV-1 Outbreak

- ▶ Establishing a Plan
 - ▶ Test and isolate based on clinical signs
 - ▶ Fever
 - ▶ Neurological signs
- ▶ Isolation barn on site
- ▶ Individual quarantined barns within a quarantine
- ▶ Biosecurity protocols
 - ▶ Twice daily temperatures
 - ▶ Disinfection
 - ▶ PPE

Explaining the Importance of Biosecurity

- Highly contagious : aerosol and mechanical transmission
- Horse owners and trainers urged to take biosecurity measures
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces or items horses come in contact with
- Controlling foot, vehicle, and pet traffic on the racetrack grounds
- Wearing plastic boot covers, sanitizing footwear and clothing



2016 EHV-1 Outbreak

- ▶ Communication
- ▶ No news is not good news
 - ▶ Education and outreach to trainers and owners
 - ▶ Media communication



EHV-1- Lessons Learned



- Clear misconceptions
- The disease cannot be explained enough
- Should horses train or not?
- Swabbing for surveillance testing?
- How long is testing necessary?
- Quarantine release?

The Cost of EHV-1

▶ Traceability

- ▶ 1632 horses on Sunland Racetrack
- ▶ Approx. 700 horses that had moved or were in adjacent facilities

▶ Total tally

- ▶ 73 confirmed positive horses
- ▶ 12 neurologic cases
- ▶ 7/12 recovered

▶ Euthanasias

- ▶ 6/11 clinical signs
- ▶ 5/11 owner's request

New Mexico

January 21, 2016-March 9, 2016



“Bummer of a birthmark, Hal!”

The Cost of EHV-1

▶ Personnel

▶ NMLB, NMDA, NMSU, ALIRT vets,
NM State Police

▶ Mileage

▶ >13,000 miles
▶ >\$6,000 in fuel

▶ Time

▶ Over 1,000 hours worked
▶ Over 40 hours of conference calls



The Cost of EHV-1

▶ Testing- NMDA VDS

- ▶ 407 blood samples
- ▶ 413 nasal swabs
- ▶ \$36.50/sample



▶ ALERT Vets

- ▶ Deployment of 4 vets
- ▶ Approx. 1,000 miles
- ▶ Approx. 60 hrs.

The Stress of EHV-1

▶ On the Animal Side

- ▶ Worst outbreak in New Mexico history
- ▶ Risk to interstate movement

▶ On the Human Side

- ▶ Mechanical transmission from human to horse

▶ Prevention

- ▶ limit exposure, isolate, avoid contact between sick individuals, biosecurity



What If...?

▶ Risk to Interstate Movement

- ▶ Loss of confidence and acceptance of equine imports to other states
- ▶ Risk to the national racing industry
- ▶ Risk to breeding facilities
- ▶ Impediment to any equine events
- ▶ Economic impact to the equine industry and agrotourism
- ▶ Loss of credibility and reputation at a national and international level



Fiscal Impact

Agency 508 Costs Related to Sunland Park EHV-1 Quarantine

January thru February 2016

					Expense
Personnel Hours					
Inspection Staff		1,022 hrs			33,851
Veterinarian Staff		204 hrs			9,458
Administrative		175			10,435
					\$ 53,744
Staff Travel					
Per Diem		3,029			\$ 3,029
Vehicle Use					
Mileage		16,765			\$ 7,712
Contract Veterinarian Staff					
Contract Costs		5,747			5,747
NMDA Testing		29,930			29,930
					\$ 35,677
Supplies					
Supply Cost		1,079			\$ 1,079
				Total Expense	\$ 101,241.00



Questions?