

Hilltop Farm ~ Semen Shipping Guidelines

****Please post in a handy place and/or share with your veterinarian****

Call **410-658-9898 ext. 104** when the mare enters the heat you'd like to breed to give us a "head's up".

We are in the Eastern Standard Time Zone.

Cooled semen stallions may be collected any day except Saturday.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT SHIPMENT REQUESTS BY FAX OR E-MAIL

Calling Procedure:

FED EX OR UPS OVERNIGHT: Monday-Friday only. Notify our office NO LATER than Noon (EST) the day of shipping.

PICK UP or AIRLINE SHIPMENTS: available only if we are notified by 6pm (EST) the day prior.

- ◆ **SATURDAY Insemination:** semen must be shipped Friday. Check before requesting semen that Fed Ex will deliver to your area on a Saturday, or determine the nearest "Hold for Pick-Up" location.
- ◆ **SUNDAY or MONDAY Insemination:** semen must be requested by 6pm (EST) the night before and will be Airline shipped.

STALLIONS ARE NOT COLLECTED ON EASTER SUNDAY (March 23rd), MEMORIAL DAY (May 26th) OR JULY 4th.

*Please note that shipments scheduled the day before and after holidays may be restricted to airlines only.

FROZEN SEMEN SHIPMENTS: may only be sent by Fed Ex or UPS overnight.

HILLTOP FARM, INC. Mare Management Reminders

Please have pre-breeding exams done on your mare prior to commencing breeding. A culture is not required if she is a maiden mare, but may be prudent. Cultures are required for all other mares.

In order to settle your mare as efficiently as possible, it is in your best interest to have frequent pregnancy checks done on your mare. The following schedule is not required in its entirety, yet will help prevent cases of twins, misdiagnosed pregnancies (possibly due to a retained corpus luteum) or lost time in the breeding season. *** Required by contract.**

- *1st check: Day 14-16: optimum time for vet to pinch off a twin, if more than single ovulation is noted. Watch for secondary ovulations that result in pregnancies that are several days behind the first.
- *2nd check: Day 28: to confirm viable pregnancy as heartbeat normally appears by Day 25
- *3rd check: Day 35-40: to confirm maintained pregnancy prior to endometrial cup formation
- *4th check: Day 60-65: final confirmation of pregnancy in its critical first trimester.

Remember it is essential to have your mare checked between Days **35** and **45** to insure we get her settled this season. This is very important because mares that slip foals after an early pregnancy exam may not come back into heat.