



# Equine Infectious Anemia

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Export infected horse  
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Living  
off the land,  
caring  
for nature.



# Export EIA infected horse Ede (GLD)





## Export EIA infected horse

- August 15<sup>th</sup> transport from Ede to United Kingdom
- 6 horses
  - 1 positive on EIA (Coggins test)
- September 7<sup>th</sup> CVO UK notified positive horse to CVO NL
- September 7<sup>th</sup> holding blocked and present horses sampled
  - sampling 20 horses by Cogginstest EIA
- September 13<sup>th</sup> all horses negative Cogginstest
- Investigation tracking and tracing present horses and horses exported to UK
- Early December second sampling 20 horses by Cogginstest EIA



## Tracking and tracing

- Only identification compulsory
- No records of the horses present on the farm at export date (August 15<sup>th</sup>)
- No records of the origin of the exported horses
- Tracing of the origin of the horses depends on cooperation of the horse owner
- Owners might be prosecuted for not cooperating satisfactory in the course of an animal disease investigation



## Future developments

- NL free of EIA: more than 1,000 negative tests per year
- Considering EIA policy:
  - Approach on positive animals
  - Strategies in different countries
  - Insurance given by trade directives
- Discussion on necessity of an EU coordinated control strategy should be based on the prioritisation of the disease