



## Equine Reproduction Centers

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### **2009 EQUINE EMBRYO TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Equine Reproduction Centers offers an equine embryo transfer program as embryo transfer in horses is becoming an increasingly popular way to breed performance mares. It is not only the ideal way to ride and breed at the same time but also a great way of achieving multiple pregnancies from one mare per season. Donor mares are only required to stay at our center for only the minimal time needed per attempt, allowing the donor mare to continue in their regular training program.

There are a number of ways to participate in our program; you may bring your mare to Equine Reproduction Centers (hereafter known as: ERC) for us to manage the entire process from breeding to transfer, or you may breed your mare at another facility and then bring your mare to ERC for us to flush and transfer. You may provide your own recipient mares or have ERC provide suitable recipient mares for you. However, before participating in the embryo transfer program at ERC it is important for the Mare Owner to know the regulations of their breed registry.

#### Requirements:

Owner supplies embryo donor mare and if chooses, 2 to 3 recipient mares. Owner can choose to use their own recipient mares or ones provided by Equine Reproduction Centers. Estrus cycles shall be synchronized utilizing appropriate medications of our choosing. Estrus cycles shall be closely monitored via ultrasound to determine donor breeding date and ovulation dates of all mares. Donor mare embryo recovery flush shall be performed 6-8 days post-ovulation and once an embryo is recovered, it shall be transferred into the recipient mare at that time. If an embryo is not recovered after 3 flushes, a fourth flush will be done 1-6 hours later at an additional charge of \$300. The recipient mare(s) should be maintained on Regu-Mate for as long as required.

#### Fees Involved:

There is an up front non-refundable charge of \$1,000 due when you drop your mare(s) at our facility. This fee covers the management, flush and transfer. This fee also includes the synchronization of the

recipient mares through the same estrus cycles. Synchronizing the cycles of the donor and recipient mares is critical for a successful outcome. Boarding fees shall be charged at a rate of \$25.00/day. The donor mare's uterus is flushed 3 times, the fluid is recovered, filtered and examined under a microscope to find the prospective embryo(s). Extra flush is \$300: If an embryo is not recovered on the first set of flushes, an extra uterine flush will be performed 1-6 hours later in attempt to increase the chance of recovering a viable embryo. (These charges apply even if an embryo is not recovered). After an embryo is recovered from the donor mare, it is transferred into the recipient mare's uterus. If multiple embryos are recovered from the donor mare during the same flush, the embryos will be transferred into as many mares as are available.

Pregnancy exam(s) will be performed on recipient mare(s) 8-10 days after transfer(s). Mares will be released upon receipt of final payment .

Donor + Cooled Shipment \$700-800

Donor + 1 Potential Recipient Mare \$850-950

Donor+2 Potential Recipient Mares \$1000-1100

Regu-Mate (first week) – Recipient \$42.00

Regu-mate or Bio Release P4 (injectable) \$300.00 (amount sufficient thru 120 days of pregnancy)

Plus board as above

Other Fees: Additional charges may apply for additional treatments of donor mare and client owned recipient mares (ie., uterine treatments, flushing, etc.) Additional charges may apply for any non-routine pharmaceuticals required in synchronizing or treating the donor mare.