

# EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA

## SPECIES AFFECTED

Horses and other equine species

## DESCRIPTION

Equine infectious anemia (EIA) is a retroviral disease of equids that may be characterized by acute and/or chronic recurring clinical signs including fever, anemia, edema and cachexia in some animals. Many horses have very mild or inapparent signs on first exposure, and carry the virus subclinically. The owners of these animals are unlikely to realize that they are infected unless serological testing is done. All infected horses, including those that are asymptomatic, become carriers and are infectious for life. Infected animals must either be destroyed or remain permanently isolated from other equids to prevent transmission.

## TESTING REQUIREMENTS

A negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia less than twelve months prior to entry of any equine species into Oregon.

## FORMS

VS Form 10-11.

## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Equine Infectious Anemia is a mandatory reportable disease in Oregon.