



BLANKETING PROTOCOL

Corresponds with Requirement 11.1

- The owner of this facility provides blankets for all horses they own, as needed. Any clients of this facility are expected to provide blankets for their own horses/All client horses stabled at this facility will be provided with blankets (free of charge/at additional cost).
 - All clients are expected to follow this protocol as per the Boarding Agreement. Failure to comply will result in _____ (consequence; e.g. barn owner provides blanket for horse in need and raises board cost).
 - There are enough blankets on the property to provide one for every horse in the event of extreme inclement weather.
- Horses are blanketed on an as needed basis. Decisions regarding blanketing must factor in the following:
 - clipped or unclipped hair coat
 - body condition
 - health status
 - weather conditions
 - any additional concerns about the safety and welfare of the horse
- Horses' blankets are checked daily to ensure that they are in good repair.
 - Horses' blankets are changed immediately to a different blanket of a similar or identical weight if they are found to be in disrepair.
- Blanketed horses are checked beneath the blanket at minimum once per week to ensure:
 - That their blanket is not causing any undue harm (e.g. rubs or abrasions)
 - That they are in good condition underneath their blanket
 - That they have not developed any condition (e.g. skin infections) beneath their blanket
- Information is provided _____ (where) regarding the recommended blanket fill weight for different temperature ranges.
- Information is provided _____ (where) regarding about the importance of maintaining blankets to ensure good condition
- All employees who are responsible for blanketing horses have been trained using this protocol