



10 POINT PLAN FOR SUCCESSFUL BREEDING

1) Rising Plane of Nutrition

A mare that's too fat or too thin can struggle to fall pregnant. Achieving the right body fat and boosting nutrition levels just in time for breeding dramatically improves success rates.

2) Vaccinations and General Health

A healthy, vaccinated mare is key to breeding success. Ensuring low worm counts, sound hooves, healthy teeth, and full vaccinations prepares mares for early breeding.

3) Identify Breeding Issues

Mares with poor breeding histories may have underlying health problems. A specialist reproduction vet can identify and address these issues, setting a plan for successful pregnancy maintenance.

4) Should I Rest My Mare?

A difficult birth or late foaling last year may mean resting your mare to prepare for the following year. Injury or illness before the season can also necessitate rest to ensure optimal health.

5) Cycling Early

The biggest trigger for mares to come into season is daylight. Mimicking warmer spring weather with lights and rugs can help bring mares into season early for breeding.

6) Successful Stallion Covers

Making each stallion visit count saves time and money. The best time for a mare to visit is at the end of the oestrous stage, requiring close coordination between the broodmare farm, vet, and stallion farm.

7) Pinpointing Foaling Time

From the stallion service date, the foaling window can span 40 days. Close monitoring of behaviour and body changes helps identify the foaling date, with temperature and milk pH narrowing it down to 24 hours.

8) Checking Foal Health

Running thorough health checklists on foals ensures early detection of issues, allowing timely vet visits and treatments to protect foal health.

9) Mare and Foal Connection

Mares need time and space to bond with their foal. While intervention may be necessary during critical stages, we ensure not to crowd the mare or foal.

10) Foal Education

Proper handling from the start builds a foundation for trainable horses. Our specialist weanling education program helps each foal grow into a confident, safe horse.



Glen Gallic's breeding program is supported by equine reproduction specialist veterinarian Dr James Rodger