

[Equine Viral Arteritis confirmed in Shropshire](#)

The UK's Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer confirmed a new case of [Equine Viral Arteritis](#) in a non-thoroughbred stallion on a premises in Shropshire on 31 July 2019.

Investigations are ongoing but at present this appears to be unrelated to the cases in [Devon](#) and [Dorset](#) earlier in the year. There is no risk to public health.

The owner has indicated that they intend to have the stallion castrated which will address the risk of further disease spread. Restrictions on breeding and movement have been put in place on the animal and will remain in force until the risk has been mitigated.

Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Graeme Cooke, said:

We are taking action to limit the risk of the disease spreading by placing breeding and movement restrictions on the animal. A full investigation is continuing to consider the source and possible spread of the infection. Owners of mares and stallions are always urged as a routine to have their horses tested before they are used for breeding.

These findings remind us that we must all be vigilant for signs of disease and how essential it is to following strict biosecurity measures.

You can help prevent the disease spreading by:

EVA is a notifiable disease in all stallions, and in mares that have been mated or inseminated in the last 14 days.

If you suspect the disease you must report it to APHA immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301.

In Wales, contact 0300 303 8268. In Scotland, contact your local [Field Services Office](#).

If you wish to have your horse tested on a precautionary basis contact your private vet and have your animal tested at an accredited laboratory.