

THE ARENA WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 5

Nevada State Vet Places Quarantine After EHV-1 Positive



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Horses that competed at the Nevada State High School Rodeo Feb. 22-24 in Pahrump have been placed under quarantine by Nevada State Veterinarian Dr. JJ Goicoechea. This measure was taken after one positive for equine herpes virus type 1 with neurologic signs was reported.

The Nevada Department of Agriculture did not release the name of the facility where the horse was located as it was felt that there was no public health risk. Equine Herpes Virus-1 (EHV-1) can cause neurologic disease, respiratory disease and abortions in pregnant mares. The average incubation period for EHV-1 is four to seven days, but it can take up to 14 days to present signs.

Dr. Goicoechea is asking horse owners who attended the event to monitor their horses closely and seek veterinary care for any horse with a fever over 102 degrees F. He also urges the use of biosecurity measures, like not sharing equipment between horses; avoiding common areas where horses mingle such as hitching rails and wash racks; and completing farm chores by caring for healthy animals first and ill or recovering horses last.

