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Metritis due to *Klebsiella pneumoniae* subsp. *pneumoniae* Capsule Type 5

The IEC has isolated *Klebsiella pneumoniae* capsule Type 5 from a clinical case of metritis in a Sport Horse mare. This bacterium is highly pathogenic and can be transmitted between horses at covering.

While we detected 4 cases of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* capsule Type 5 on routine CEM testing in January (which was in itself unusual), this is the first case of active infection with this bacterium that we have identified in several years.

While the Thoroughbred breeding season is winding down, all cases of metritis should be investigated by your vet and any mares yet to be covered should be subject to CEM testing.

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