

**TEMPLATE FOR OWNERS TRANSPORTING  
MARES FOR COVERING AND RETURN**

*[Insert your name, address and contact details]  
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*(Insert date)*

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

This horsebox and the Dales Pony mare(s) inside is/are being transported to *(insert name of boarding stud)* a Dales Pony Stud based at *(insert full address of stud or stallion owner)* on the essential business of ensuring the conservation of a British Rare Breed Equine.

The mare(s) inside is/are being transported to be covered by a Dales Pony stallion for the purpose of continuing the conservation of the breed for future years.

The Dales Pony Society has carefully reviewed government, veterinary and Rare Breeds Survival Trust advice and produced protocols which breeders must follow to demonstrate they can responsibly comply with current government instructions. In order to ensure mares are accepted at the stallion stud for covering we can confirm that we comply with the following protocol, as set out by the Dales Pony Society.

1. Any appointments **must** be made in advance of travel.
2. Associated paperwork **must** be completed and sent electronically in advance, including passport information and completion of the COVID-19 transport form. Stallion covering notes should be returned by electronic scan via email where possible,
3. The vehicle used for transport **must** be disinfected before and after every visit including any handles, the ramp or other areas where stud personnel may have had, or will have, contact.
4. People travelling in the horsebox **must** comply with Government advice on social distancing.
5. Unless there is an emergency, or welfare requirement related to the animal being transported or the driver, it is prohibited to stop on the journey, other than with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency's current enforcement policy on driver's hours.
6. At the destination, the unloading and re-loading of the animal(s) **must** be conducted by handlers at the destination to allow no contact with the transport people. Hygiene precautions must be followed at every stage of this un-loading and loading process, using robust disinfectant processes of the horsebox handles and any equipment, and hand washing.
7. People travelling in the horsebox should only exit the horsebox at the location they are visiting to use welfare facilities, using all sanitary precautions. **There must be no direct contact with people on the site.**

**If these conditions are not adhered to, the horsebox will be turned away.**

Thank you for your consideration and allowing our driver on their way to ensure our essential rare breed conservation program may continue.

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Name & Signature