

Amethyst Acres Equine Center, Inc.

Transported Semen Information and Procedures

1. Mare Evaluation:

Consult with your veterinarian and consider the following procedures:

- a. Culture your mare. Make sure your mare is clean from all infections.
- b. Biopsy your mare. This will determine whether your mare is a good candidate for Transported Semen.

Mail us a copy or call us with the results.

2. How To Set Up A Semen Shipment:

When your mare first begins to show heat, call us between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (EST). This will notify us that we will be shipping to you sometime in the next 5 to 7 days. Some of our stallions are here on an "as needed" basis, so we need time to coordinate having him brought here for collection.

Our phone number is (540) 254-1017

Ask your vet to palpate on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and/or Sunday so you can call us in advance of when you need the semen. This will allow you to make arrangements for insemination and allows us to schedule semen collection and shipment.

3. Transportation Procedure:

We can ship via Federal Express or UPS, or we can make arrangements to have the semen flown via Air Net. If it is sent via FedEx or UPS, it will be sent priority overnight and should arrive by 11:00 a.m. the following morning. If you do not live in an area where these carriers deliver directly to your door, you may have to pick up the semen at their nearest office. *Arrangements for flown semen will be made on an as needs basis.*

It is very important that you order your semen before your vet expects ovulation. We will accept orders for semen up until 10:00 a.m. E.S.T. Monday - Friday for shipment on those days. *Orders cannot be taken after 10:00 a.m.* It is important to realize that we cannot recollect to complete an order that comes in late. .

4. On Your End:

It is the mare owner's responsibility to obtain any permits required by individual horse Registries in advance of requesting a semen shipment. A copy of the permit must be on file with Amethyst Acres.

You must have your vet on standby to inseminate your mare immediately, or as soon as possible once you receive the semen.

Inseminate your mare with all of the cooled semen immediately.

Do not handle or warm the semen, or open the Equitainer prior to insemination.

IMPORTANT: IMMEDIATELY SHIP THE EQUITAINER BACK BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY TO:

Amethyst Acres Equine Center, Inc.
9195 Springwood Road
Buchanan, VA 24066

5. Post Insemination:

If you choose, you may want to take a drop of semen from the bag and check motility **after** you have bred your mare. Please give us a call. We want to hear your motility report and any comments that your vet has to offer.

If you find yourself having problems getting your mare pregnant, please don't hesitate to call us and discuss some of the procedures we have found to be effective. ***If your mare has not conceived after three cycles, we recommend you send her to us.***

6. Fees For Transported Semen:

All fees must be paid by credit card. We accept MasterCard and Visa. No other form of payment is accepted and **all fees are due prior to the shipment of semen.** *You will need to fill out the attached "Breeding and Charge Card Authorization" form and return it to us prior to shipping.*

An Equitainer deposit of \$300 will be held until all Equitainers are returned. All Equitainers must be returned before the second cycle is shipped, should shipment for a second cycle be necessary.

The Laboratory fee of \$250 per heat cycle includes as many shipments as necessary.

7. Payment Schedule:

Equitainer Deposit	\$300 (refundable)
Laboratory Fee	\$250 (non-refundable, per heat cycle)
Shipping Cost	Actual Cost of Shipment of Equitainer both ways

FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE OF ANY SHIPMENT

Should you require another series of shipments for subsequent heat cycles, we will require an additional \$250 laboratory fee plus shipping fees. Once you notify us that your mare is in foal a minimum of 45 days, or that you will not be requesting any additional semen this breeding season, and you have returned the Equitainer we have shipped to you, we will destroy your \$300 Equitainer deposit.

8. The Risk Factors:

*It is important for you to be aware that because of demand, we may not be able to ship your semen on the date you request, especially if ordered after 10:00 a.m. EST. Should this happen, we will call you so that you may alert your vet and/or others that the shipment will not be coming. Priority is always given to mares with the largest follicle size, or in the sequence of calls received.

*We recommend you re-cycle your mare with prostaglandin or consult your vet.

*Shipping companies do not always meet schedules due to bad weather, etc. We do not refund lab fees because of carrier error.

*Your vet's ability to know the size of the follicle and proper inseminating methods is critical. We recommend ultrasounding your mare during her estrus cycle.

*This program is most successful for easy breeders. Due to the distance between mare and stallion, and the obvious importance of timing, we suggest you take every step to prepare your mare for breeding, such as cultures and other pre-breeding procedures your vet recommends. (Some mares may require biopsies to determine whether or not they are good candidates for breeding with transported semen.)

*Once your mare has been shipped, we cannot credit your account or apply your money to another shipment in the event that it goes unused.

AMETHYST ACRES EQUINE CENTER, INC.
BREEDING AND CHARGE CARD AUTHORIZATION

Client Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

BREEDING AUTHORIZATION:

I will breed my mare _____ reg.# _____

_____ On Farm _____ Transported Semen

To the following stallion _____ reg.# _____

CHARGE CARD AUTHORIZATION:

Payment Method: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp.Date _____

Cardholder Name: _____

On Farm Fee Breakdown:

Mare Board	\$400 per month
Palpations	\$20 each
Ultrasounds	\$40 each
Lab Fee	\$300 per breeding season (non-refundable)

Transported Semen Fee Breakdown:

Equitainer Deposit	\$300 (refundable)
Shipping	Actual Cost Both Ways
Lab Fee	\$250 per heat cycle (non-refundable)

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO:

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9195 Springwood Road
Buchanan, VA 24066

OR FAX TO MARK AT (540) 254-3250 AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE