USING QUICK P4 TO MONITOR P4 DURING PREGNANCY

Low levels of P4 at any stage of pregnancy are a major cause of early embryo loss or late-term abortion. To determine if P4 levels are adequate for pregnancy, test a sample 12-14 days after ovulation. Retest at various intervals during pregnancy to insure adequate P4 levels are being maintained.

- •The minimum safe level to maintain pregnancy is > ~_4-5 ng/ml P4.
- •<1 ng/ml indicates a P4-deficient mare.







Initially Progesterone is produced by the CL (ovary) and at ~ day 90, progesterone is produced by the Placenta.

Endogenous progesterone levels ≥ 4.0 ng/ml are generally considered adequate to maintain pregnancy. Mares with progesterone concentrations below 4.0 may be at increased risk of pregnancy loss.

USING QUICK P4 WITH REGU-MATE

QUICK P4 is designed to recognize only the natural progesterone hormone.

REGU-MATE is a synthetic hormone and will not be detected by Quick P4. When using Quick P4 to monitor pregnancy while REGU-MATE is being given, a high result indicates the progesterone deficient mare is producing enough progesterone to be taken off therapy.

PREGNANCY DETERMINATION

Quick P4 can be used for pregnancy detection. A high P4 result obtained 21-23 days after breeding indicates pregnancy. Note: Quick P4 indicates the presence of P4 not specifically pregnancy. A positive indication of pregnancy should be confirmed by palpation or ultrasound.

USING QUICK P4 FOR EMBRYO TRANSFER

Quick P4 can be especially useful in embryo transfer programs where following the estrous cycles closely is essential in synchronizing the donor with a recipient mare. It is important for P4 to be > 4-5 ng/ml prior to flushing embryos in donor mare in order to have viable embryos. Likewise P4 should be > 4-5 ng/ml in recipient mare.

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QUICK P4 EQUINE PROTOCOL USING CUBE READER

Test Preparation

Collect blood in a Red top or **Monovette tube**. Spin blood in centrifuge for 10 min at 2500 rpm. Use fresh, not frozen sera. Use clear, non-hemolyzed sample for accurate results.

Have Push Buffer uncapped, ready Press button 1X. - displays "LAST" Reading. to add. 0 - 5 ng/ml Press button 2nd X, displays ON. Add **1 drop** of freshly collected Press & "HOLD" button for 3s: Sera to a cassette using pipette. until displays CARD. 5 - 15 ng/ml Make sure there are no air bubbles. Place CARD on top of Cube reader **Immediately** add 2 drops of > 15 ng/ml Timer displays 15:00, 14:59... Push Buffer. Timer beeps at 15 min. OT SAVES LAST reading. Wait for solution to flow into cassette. (Press button 1X to see Last reading.) Place holder and **₽** Target √e Cube over cassette Cassette lines analyzed. as shown. 0 Ô △ Progesterone (P4) **17** Target Vet Cassette is flat. concentration is 6.5 Отпс (Cube notch fit in displayed on the 000 holder notch). screen in ng/ml.

level present in sera.

INTERPRETING THE RESULTS

Interpretation Progesterone Level All values refer to "free" progesterone Low Progesterone, supplement needed. CL is producing sufficient P4 CL is producing sufficient P4



PROGESTERONE IN MINUTES USING CUBE READER

Measuring progesterone during pregnancy helps maintain a healthy foal and avoids excess supplementation.

Knowing the progesterone allows:

- diagnosis of a functional or persistent corpus luteum;
- monitoring progesterone during the course of pregnancy



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