Equine Viral Arteritis (Equine Typhus)

It is a disease that affects equines, mainly horses and ponies and it is characterized by causing conjunctivitis and swelling.

How is it transmitted?

- The virus is found in secretions and excretions of infected animals (saliva, semen, vaginal fluids, urine and feces).
- It is transmitted by air when the horses are gathered in events.
- It can also be transmitted venereally during natural mating or artificial insemination.

What are the clinical signs?

Most infected horses do not show clinical signs.

- Fever
- Depression
- Lack of appetite
- Conjunctivitis
- Photophobia
- Edema (swelling) on eyelids and legs
- Hives located in the head or neck
- Reduced fertility
- Abortions

The death of infected equines is rare, except for severe cases of young or old animals.

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