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OSAF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EQUINE WELFARE FACING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC





Due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic outbreak, and given the preventive health measures adopted by local authorities throughout the continent in order to avoid spreading and contaging the virus, OSAF recommends that the following Equine Welfare measures are followed in those racecourses which have temporarily stopped the racing and training activities.

The following actions are recommended for stabled Thoroughbreds, on a daily basis:

- Physical activity: Gallop, Trot and walks
- Feeding recommendations: Two portions, daily. Decreasing the intake of grain and replacing such proportion with a larger amount of grass
- Hydration: Water supply available, permanently
- Horse bed: Good care should be taken to make sure horse beds are in good conditions, as well as horses' hooves, as they will spend more time inside their stalls
- Cleaning: Make sure to provide at least the minimum cleaning and maintainance within the stable
- <u>Veterinary service</u>: veterinary on-call service available at all times

