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2021: Covid-19: Obtaining measurements during Lockdown?

Measuring falls into the category of non-emergency veterinary tasks.

To safeguard their colleagues during the pandemic, Veterinary surgeries have strict Covid-safe protocols in place.

Covid-19 protocol will differ between individual Vets' Practices and across the devolved nations. Some Vet's Practices are not accepting *any* non-emergency work.

First check with your chosen Official Measurer (OM) via their reception staff.

Many, indeed most Practices have adopted the policy of taking the animal from the handler on arrival, so someone from another social 'bubble' does not enter the premises.

If the Official Measurer *is* prepared to measure, it is *vital* that your horse or pony is familiar with people wearing face coverings and possibly full PPE.

We welcome enquiries, however trivial. Call 01981 510201 or visit www.thejmbonline.co.uk for the Rules, details about the measurement procedure, FAQ's and, the helpful, practical guide "*Preparing the Horse or Pony for Measurement*".

It is essential that animals have gained experience of loading, travel, the measurement process and meeting strangers. Careful preparation should ensure that the lowest relaxed height can be obtained.

Some owners did not compete in 2020 but had paid for a measurement. The JMB will roll over any such pre-paid measures.

Given this unprecedented situation, there is no fee increase for 2021.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the ongoing pandemic.