

Breeding Challenge Award – Coach Training Information Sheet

In preparation for delivering the Breeding Challenge Awards please read a range of articles and watch the recordings provided via the links below.

This document provides links to articles, websites and webinars which provide information about breeding, most information is relevant to all three Challenge Awards.

Please also do some research yourself, there is a wealth of information on this topic in the public domain.

Links to webinars and articles

1. Breeding Challenge Award Q&A session (Jane Nixon – Equine Vet, Edward Matson – owner of Twemlows Stud Farm and Mandy Luesley – BHS Assessor)

<https://youtu.be/fNdAkJPOgpQ>

2. Optimising the Development of the Sports Horse – May 2020

<https://british-breeding.com/webinars/webinars-watch-again>

It is recommended that you watch at least the first hour of this webinar. It sets the scene for responsible breeding and covers a lot of the considerations and requirements after the foal is born. The information in this webinar is relevant to all three breeding challenge awards. You will need to scroll to the end of the listings to find this webinar.

3. Links below are to the World Horse Welfare ‘Need to Breed’ leaflet – this contains a lot of useful information and asks the reader to consider whether they need to breed:

<https://www.worldhorsewelfare.org/advice/management/do-you-need-to-breed>

<https://storage.googleapis.com/stateless-whwwp-screenbeetle-c/2019/08/654c6534-need-to-breed-leaflet.pdf>

4. Below are links to useful articles which highlight the problems brought about by irresponsible breeding:

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/-/news-fears-horse-microchipping-wont-stop-crisis>

<https://www.horseandhound.co.uk/news/rehoming-drive-prevent-funding-bad-breeding-698090>

BHS Healthcare & Education Clinics: <https://www.bhs.org.uk/our-work/welfare/our-campaigns/healthcare-and-education-clinics>

5. Foaling the mare, part one, two and three (Twemlows Stud) - 2020

These webinars may go into more detail than needed to deliver these Challenge Awards – however they are interesting and easy to watch so it is worthwhile watching them all.

Part Two covers the most relevant information and it is recommended this is watched in its entirety. The first few minutes of these webinars describe the content – so it may be possible to skip to the areas of interest in Part One and Part Three.

<https://british-breeding.com/webinars/webinars-watch-again>

6. The British Breeding website provides several webinars showcasing stallions, it is useful to watch a few stallions on these and how they are advertised. It would also be useful to look at a few stallions with participants whilst delivering the course.

<https://british-breeding.com/>

7. The Stallion Directory (Stallion AI Services) provides several useful articles including; selecting stallions, stud terms, nutrition, foaling and more. There is a new publication each year so articles will vary.

stallionai.co.uk/the-directory/

8. Horse feed websites have lots of useful articles in relation to feeding the mare and foal.

<https://www.baileyshorsefeeds.co.uk/breeding>

<https://www.dodsonandhorrell.com/> (search for nutritional articles or breeding)

<https://www.spillers-feeds.com/> (search the Blog for information in relation to breeding/youngstock)

9. The BHS Complete Horsemanship Volume 4 is available to purchase from the [BHS bookshop](#), this contains a chapter dedicated to breeding. This is optional; however, the book is a good resource for all topics in relation BHS professional qualifications.

10. It would be useful to research the costs listed in the table within the 'Deciding to Breed' Challenge Award booklet yourself locally. You will then have a good benchmark to compare to the costs researched by the participants as part of the course.