



# DATA USAGE POLICY

## Network for Epidemiological Surveillance of Equine Diseases

This charter sets out the rules that all RESPE data users must follow to ensure data protection and respect for intellectual property. Access to data collected by RESPE is granted to anyone who requests it and signs this charter. All data shared with users is systematically anonymized to protect confidentiality.

### GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF RESPE

RESPE coordinates epidemiological surveillance efforts and initiatives for equine diseases across the entire French territory, including overseas regions. This coordination contributes to improving equine health monitoring, with the aim of enabling early detection and rapid alerts for all stakeholders in the French equine industry.

Its main missions are :

- Epidemiological surveillance of infectious, parasitic, and toxic diseases in equines that is, collecting knowledge and information on the epidemiological situation of equine diseases, and monitoring their evolution over time and space. The focus is on diseases that are highly contagious, cause significant economic losses for the equine industry, or pose a risk to human and/or animal health ;
- Coordinating and managing the network of experts involved in the rapid collection of information and, where necessary, carrying out field epidemiological investigations. In this context, specialized reporting systems may be set up to gather targeted information on specific diseases or disease groups identified by veterinarians or laboratories ;
- Disseminating epidemiological information collected by the network to professionals across the equine sector ;
- Alerting health authorities and public bodies when necessary, as well as institutions and associations involved in equine breeding and management policies ;
- Coordinating and overseeing a health crisis unit when needed, to develop recommendations based on network data and the expertise of the unit's members ;
- Providing expertise and promoting knowledge, notably through training sessions ;
- Implementing or contributing to research programs or studies.

To fulfill its missions, RESPE relies on a network of professionals, primarily field veterinarians known as Sentinel Veterinarians, distributed across the entire national territory. To improve equine disease surveillance coverage, a complementary system is being developed. It is based on the centralization of rapid test results performed by Sentinel Veterinarians on sick horses, as well as diagnostic analyses carried out by specialized equine laboratories, known as Sentinel Laboratories.

### RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF RESPE DATA USERS

#### *Obligations of the RESPE data user*

Under this charter, the RESPE data user agrees to :

- Complete and submit the RESPE data access request form, specifying in particular the purpose and context of the request ;
- Acknowledge RESPE as the data source in any publication or work and systematically include the corresponding DOI (Digital Object Identifier) ;
- Use RESPE data in their own name and not transfer this right to any third party ;
- Use RESPE data solely for scientific or technical purposes, and not for commercial use ;
- Provide RESPE with complete and up-to-date contact details, and inform RESPE of any changes.

#### *Rights of the RESPE Data User*

Under this charter, the RESPE data user may :

- Use and interpret the RESPE data in line with the objectives previously defined in the data access request form approved by RESPE ;
- Access, review, modify, or request deletion of their personal data at any time.

In the event of a breach of one or more of the rules outlined in this charter, RESPE reserves the right to revoke the user's access to the data.



**Required information to be provided by the signatory:**

I, the undersigned,..... wish to access RESPE data and agree to the rights and obligations associated with this access.

Signed at : ..... Date : .....

Signature preceded by the statement « read and approved » :

Address : .....

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E-mail : .....@.....

Phone : .....



*Upon receipt, a copy will be sent back to you signed by the President of RESPE.*

**Reserved for RESPE use :**

Signed in Saint-Contest, on :