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INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Equine Assisted Reproduction Agreement
November 2026

I undersigned:

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Address:……

postal code:……Town: …… Country:……

VAT number (if available) or equivalent : ……

Tel: …… Fax:……

E-mail: …… Identification code of the stud ……

☐ Owner or ☐ Trusteee (on behalf of the owner: ……)

of the mare/s: ……

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Age ……Breed:……

Identification/Microchip n°……

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Owners taking mares to Avantea only for OPU (day hospital) are advised to do the following health tests:

Coggins test (Infectious Eq. Anemia) done: no ☐ yes ☐ in date …… report attached ☐

CEM test (Contagious Eq. Metritis) done: no ☐ yes ☐ in date …… report attached ☐

In order for the OPU-ICSI embryos to be suitable for export to the European Union, the mares must be tested before the OPU for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins test, valid for 90 days) and contagious equine metritis (CEM test, by PCR (single test) or bacteriological (double test with an interval of at least 7 days, valid for 1 year)). In the absence of a report attached to this agreement the embryos cannot be certified.

REQUIRE the service of:

☐ Boarding (16 euros/day) ☐ Ovum Pick Up-ICSI ☐ Embryo Transfer

☐ Genetic Salvage ☐ other:……

Stallion/s, sire/s to be used for fertilization (semen must be provided by the client)

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I DECLARE that I have been informed in a detail and exhaustive manner by the responsible staff of Avantea in relation to the required veterinary procedures, including sedation and local anesthesia, and their possible complications; therefore I AUTHORIZE the execution of the above veterinary procedures and I agree that Avantea shall not be liable for damage that could derive to the animal identified above as a consequence of the procedures themselves.

Date: …… Signature: ……

INFORMATION ON LEGISLATIVE DECREE196/2003 (PRIVACY LAW)
Avantea informs all Clients that their personal data will be used for accounting/invoicing purposes only. The responsible person for the personal data of Clients is Dr.Marco Barbierato.

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EQUINE OVUM PICK UP-ICSI

Price List November 2026

Donor mare gynecological monitoring pre-OPU and prophylaxis post-OPU	€	120,00
Ultrasound-guided transvaginal oocyte retrieval (OPU)	€	995,00
Fertilization by Intracytoplasmatic Sperm Injection (ICSI)	€	536,00
Additional ICSI fee for 2° stallion (if at least 8 oocytes per stallion are suitable for ICSI)	€	320,00
Transferable or freezable embryo produced up to the 6th embryo	€	545,00
Transferable or freezable embryo produced from the 7th embryo	€	270,00
Embryo sexing (before freezing)	€	320,00
Additional fee for embryo produced with sexed semen	€	320,00
Embryo Genetic Screening (price upon request, depending on genetic trait)		
Additional services on request		
Donor mare daily boarding fee	€	16,00
Embryo transfer of fresh embryo	€	210,00
Thawing and transfer of frozen embryo	€	350,00
Pregnant recipient mare leasing (1)	€	3500,00
Recipient mare daily boarding fee (2)	€	14,00
Frozen embryo storage: monthly fee for each set of 1-10 embryos (3)	€	20,00
Frozen semen for ICSI storage: monthly fee per each set of 1-10 straws (3)	€	20,00
ICSI test for infertile stallions	€	2100,00

ADVANCED PAYMENT TO BE MADE BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE MARE: € 1531,00 + VAT (22%, if applicable *) = € 1867,82

(1) This cost is not refundable in case of abortion occurring later during gestation: any liability is therefore transferred from Avantea to the Client, recipient mare "leaser". In case of non-return of the leased recipient mare within 18 months approximately from the date of ET, the Client "leaser" shall pay Avantea euro 2400,00. (2) Avantea requires the pregnant recipient mares to be collected within 30 days after the confirmation of pregnancy at 50 days. Avantea reserves the right to apply a boarding fee of €16 from the 80th day of pregnancy and of €18 from the 110th day of pregnancy. (3) Avantea cannot be held responsible for damage or losses of semen/embryos due to fire, flood, theft, extreme weather conditions and for delays/errors occurring during shipment by courier directed to the Client. Handling and preparation of embryos for each shipment will be charged €125,00. Change of ownership of embryo and semen straw will be charged €50,00 each. More terms and conditions are listed on page 3 and 4.

Animal health requirements

Horses must be accompanied by passport and health certificates as required by international regulations. All donor mares resident at Avantea clinic are tested, before OPU, for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins test) and Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM test) in order to comply with the health requirement for EU intracommunity trade of OPU-ICSI embryos. The tests are valid for 90 days (Coggins) or 1 year (CEM), during which period another OPU can be performed with no need for repeating the tests. For export of OPU-ICSI embryos to non-EU countries it is suggested to contact our office before the appointment for OPU. The arrival of animals or frozen semen from abroad must be communicated to Avantea at least 72h in advance.

Method of payment

The advanced payment must be made by bank transfer to:
Credito Padano, Filiale Cremona 1, Via del Giordano 109, Cremona, 26100.
c/a 71096 in the name of: Avantea srl,
IBAN code: IT67X0845411400000000171096, SWIFT code: ICRA IT RR CM0
Completion of payment is requested before the departure of the donor mares and consignment of the embryos.

FOR ACCEPTANCE

Client name and surname……..……..

Date……..…..Client signature……..….

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Equine Assisted Reproduction Agreement

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This agreement is entered on the date indicated below
between

AVANTEA srl, Laboratory of Reproductive Technologies (hereafter referred to as AVANTEA)
and

Client (Name and Surname) ……..…..
Full address is on page 1

1. The person signing this Contract represents and warrants that he/she/it is the true and lawful owner of the donor mare(s) listed on page 1, or if not the owner, then has actual authority to act as owner's agent for purposes of entering into this Contract, and to make any and all decisions regarding the animal and its veterinary care. The signatory shall be fully responsible for all charges incurred under this Contract and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless AVANTEA from any and all claims, of every kind and nature, arising as a result of or in connection with this Contract (including any claim that such person lacked the right or authority to execute this Contract on behalf of the true owner). All references in this Contract to the Client shall be deemed binding upon the person signing this Contract and the owner of the mare(s) listed on page 1 (hereinafter, individually and collectively referred to as the Client).

2. The Client agrees that during the period when AVANTEA is in possession of the donor mare(s), good equine practice may suggest and/or require the mare to be vaccinated, dewormed, feet trimmed/shod or in case of acute events to be transferred in other clinics for urgent treatment. Therefore, the Client hereby grants to AVANTEA the right and authority, based upon its independent judgment, to administer routine preventative medicine and to have the mare(s) trimmed/shod at any time by a farrier selected by AVANTEA or if needed to have the mare transferred in another clinic for urgent treatment. The Client shall pay/reimburse AVANTEA for the cost thereof upon invoice as set forth below.

3. The Client hereby releases and shall indemnify and hold AVANTEA harmless from any claim, demand or loss arising from any disease, injury or death to the donor mare(s) and/or pregnant recipient mare(s) and/or *in utero* foal(s) arising out of any undertaking by AVANTEA under the terms of this Contract.

4. For donor mares and recipient mares managed at AVANTEA
a. The Client agrees to pay all fees associated to Ovum Pick Up-ICSI, embryo transfer, lease/purchase of recipient mares, storage of semen and embryos according to the OPU-ICSI price list on page 2.
b. The Client understands and acknowledges that AVANTEA does not insure stored embryos/semen, and the purchase of insurance for the embryo/semen is the sole responsibility of the Client.
c. AVANTEA shall take reasonable efforts to maintain the frozen embryos/semen in proper storage conditions pursuant to this agreement, with proper care, handling and protection according to reasonable standards and practices of the equine industry. The Client agrees to assume all responsibility for the frozen embryos and shall bear all risk of loss or damage to the frozen embryos, whether by loss, infection, theft or otherwise and by any cause whatsoever, and agrees to hold AVANTEA (or any person employed by or associated with AVANTEA) harmless on any and all damages associated therewith.
d. The Client agrees to pay all charges in full before removing the donor mare(s), pregnant recipient(s) or frozen embryos or frozen semen. At least one-week notice must be given prior to departure of the donor and/or pregnant recipient mares and/or frozen embryos/semen to allow preparation of required paperwork. The Client is required to make transportation arrangements for donor mare and pregnant recipients between the standard business hours of 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday.

5. For recipient mares provided by AVANTEA
a. The Client agrees to pay all fees associated to lease/purchase of recipient mares according to the price list on page 2.
b. The Client agrees to return leased recipient mare after weaning and no later than December 31 of the foaling year directly to AVANTEA. If recipient mare is NOT returned to AVANTEA or die under the care of the Client an additional fee of 2400,00 euro will be payable to AVANTEA. If recipient mare is alive but does not return by December 31st of the foaling year, the Client will be charged 500,00 euro by AVANTEA.

Date and Client Signature _____

6. Invoices will be sent each month that the donor mare(s) and recipient mare(s) are at AVANTEA. The invoice is a running total and the unpaid balance is to be paid monthly. All invoice balances are payable within 30 days of monthly or final invoice. After 30 days from billing date, an interest of 0.6% per month on the outstanding balance will be assessed. If a payment is not made, services will be stopped until payment is received. AVANTEA reserves the right to modify the current price list at any time, upon written notice to the Client.
No horses will be allowed to leave without payment in full at time of departure.

7. The Client is responsible for providing and paying for any insurance desired on the donor mare(s) and/or pregnant recipient mare(s) and/or *in utero* foal and/or frozen semen or embryos. AVANTEA does not provide insurance.

8. The Client is responsible for parentage testing of any foal produced by OPU-ICSI. By signing this contract, the Client recognizes and accepts that some inherent risks with respect to parentage and pre-implantation tests are realized with these procedures and releases and holds AVANTEA harmless from any and all claims, demands and causes of action relating to the procedures undertaken pursuant to this Contract.

9. The Client is responsible for fulfilling animal health requirements for intracommunity trade of semen, oocytes and embryos and for fulfilling Breed Registry rules and regulations including, but not limited to, brand inspections required by law.

10. This contract is non-transferable. If the donor or pregnant recipient mare is sold, all unpaid fees become immediately due and payable and no refunds will be made.

11. Each party agrees to comply with all applicable laws, codes, regulations, rules, and orders. This Contract shall be governed by Italian law, and any legal action concerning the provisions hereof shall be brought in the Court of Cremona, Italy.

12. Client will be considered in default of its obligations under this Contract if Client fails to remit any payment within 30 days after invoice or otherwise fails to observe, to comply with, or to perform any term, condition, or covenant contained in this Contract and such failure continues for 10 days after AVANTEA gives Client written notice thereof. In the event of default by Client, AVANTEA may terminate this Contract as of the date specified in the notice, without prejudice to any other right or relief provided herein or by law. If full payment is not received within 180 days from the date specified in the notice the frozen semen and frozen embryos will be considered abandoned and can be destroyed. Jurisdiction and venue for any action to enforce this Contract, or for damages or any other relief arising from or in connection with it, shall lie exclusively in the Court of Cremona, Italy.

13. This agreement will commence when it is signed and continue for 2 years, and thereafter automatically renew for consecutive periods of 1 year, unless terminated in accordance with its terms. This agreement may be terminated upon 60 days written notice without cause or penalty, by either party. AVANTEA reserves the right to modify the current price list at any time, upon written notice to the Client.

14. Limited liability. The Client agrees that AVANTEA shall not be liable for any loss or damage of embryos/semen arising from accidental thawing caused by storage tank failure or any other equipment malfunction, or caused by circumstances beyond the AVANTEA control, such as lightning, flooding, theft or fire. In no event shall AVANTEA be liable for the intentional or negligent acts of third parties. The Client agrees that AVANTEA maximum liability in case of embryo loss shall be limited to the amount of the embryo fees prepaid to AVANTEA (euro 545,00 per embryo), excluding the OPU-ICSI fees and any other fee incurred by the Client to obtain the embryo. The Client agrees that AVANTEA maximum liability in case of semen loss is limited to euro 10,00 per semen straw or to a maximum total liability of euro 250,00 in case of more than 25 straws. In any other circumstances of loss or damage the Client agrees that AVANTEA maximum liability is limited to the amount of fees prepaid to AVANTEA in relation to the specific circumstance.

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to comply with the terms and conditions stated above.

Client (Name and Surname) _____
Full address is on page 1

Date and Client Signature _____