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To whom it may concern:

Re: Cwmtawe Ganol Farm

Cwmtawe Stud runs from the above farm. My practice, Dyffryn Tywi Equine Clinic, are the vets who provide veterinary care for the stud.

It is imperative mares foaling (giving birth) are monitored constantly, i.e. throughout the day and night. The foaling process is very quick in mares and if there is a problem, e.g. malpresentation of the foal, unless there is quick intervention, i.e. within 30 minutes, this can lead to death of the mare and/or foal.

It is also of utmost importance that a newborn foal is also closely monitored over the first 24-48 hours. It is essential that the foal is seen to successfully suckle within the first 24 hours; they must receive the first milk or colostrum from the mum in order to receive adequate immunity from diseases in the first few days of life. Failure to receive this colostrum can lead to serious infection and often death.

It is an essential requirement of any successful stud farm that they have staff onsite 24/7 for timely and appropriate monitoring and medical intervention when required.

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