

Dear FWST competitors,

The Rodeo-Vet team will be on site to respond to emergencies during each performance. She will also carry out the "Vet-checks" and will carry out the drug screening tests.

EMERGENCIES: The Rodeo-Vet team will take care of any emergencies that arise during rodeo performances. Apart from performances, **emergencies will be taken care of by the St-Tite Veterinary Clinic. (418 - 365 - 7302)**

VET-CHECKS: The "Vet-check" consists of a compulsory veterinary examination of your horse, presented without harness or bandage (rope and halter only), **before its first performance**. More specifically, the veterinary examination consists of a visual examination, taking basic medical measures such as temperature, heart and respiratory rate, a lameness examination, verification of the Coggins test (**valid for 1 year**) as well as proof of vaccination for **rhino-influenza** vaccine: valid for 6 months after the date of the analysis and minimum 14 days before the competition. The Rodeo-Vet team will evaluate your horse only once. It is therefore up to you to present him in top form so that he can pass his veterinary examination. The regulations of the Festival Western de Saint-Tite allow you to give certain medications, in therapeutic doses, to your horse, if necessary, during competition. (**Read the regulations on the administration of medications or substances to competition horses Festival Western St-Tite 2026**).

ATTENTION :

- ✓ **No medical suggestions will be made by the Rodeo-Vet team during the "Vet-checks".**
- ✓ **No horse will be re-examined on the pretext that it has been forgotten to give it the authorized medication or substances it needs.**
- ✓ **When you present your horse to the official veterinarians, during the "Vet-check", it must be in top shape. Without injury, lameness or any abnormality in basic medical constants.**

Any injury that could handicap the horse, any anomaly in the basic medical constants, any lameness, or the non-presentation of a duly completed and valid Coggins test and proof of rhino-influenza vaccination, will result in the immediate and final disqualification of the horse for the whole rodeo. Given the impossibility of hospitalizing a horse on the Festival Western de St-Tite site, any horse showing signs of infectious disease will not be tolerated on the site.

VETCHECKS SCHEDULE: The "Vet-checks" will begin on Friday, September 11, 2026. Several time slots are available. It is therefore your responsibility to present your horse according to the schedule available on the website, newsletter or secretary.

Don't forget that you are responsible for the presentation of your horse before its 1st performance and that failure to present your horse at the "Vet-checks" will result in its immediate and final disqualification for all performances.

Take note that:

- (1) The order of passage to the "Vet-checks" is without appointment (see timetable) except Friday, September 11, 2026 (appointment at 3 p.m.).
 - (2) You may have to wait during peak hours.
 - (3) There will be no additional "Vet-checks" sessions and no "Vet-checks" will take place outside of the time slots and the "Vet-checks" site displayed at the secretariat.
- You must present your original Coggins test or a copy during the Vet-check of your horse as well as proof of vaccination for the rhino-influenza vaccine dating back less than 6 months and minimum 14 days before the competition. This certificate must contain:

- The official name of the horse in competition;
- The name of the owner;

- The name of the stable and the name of the manager for a multiple certificate;
- The horse's vaccination status and the date of the booster vaccination:
 - This horse received its primary vaccination against rhino pneumonia (herpesvirus) and influenza (primary vaccination and booster). Date of the 2 injections:
1er : _____ 2: _____
 - This horse is vaccinated against rhino pneumonia (herpesvirus) and influenza (up-to-date and booster vaccinations).
Date of last reminder: _____
 - This horse received a vaccine against rhino pneumonia (herpesvirus) and influenza without having confirmed its vaccination history1.
Date of vaccination: _____
- 4. If you report immediately after working or galloping your horse, it is possible that his basic medical constants are outside acceptable limits and cause your horse to be disqualified.

Your patience, courtesy and friendliness are most appreciated... if you lack it, remember that veterinarians are **Officials**.

DRUG SCREENING: THE DRUG SCREENING TEST CONSISTS OF A BLOOD SAMPLE. ANY HORSE MAY BE SUMMONED FOR A SAMPLE TAKEN AT ANY TIME DURING THE COMPETITION, INCLUDING SLACKS, BY THE AUTHORIZED VETERINARIAN. THE SAME HORSE CAN BE TESTED MORE THAN ONCE DURING THE 10 DAYS OF THE FESTIVAL SINCE THE CHOICE OF HORSE TO BE TESTED IS DETERMINED AT RANDOM BEFORE THE START OF THE DISCIPLINE. YOU CANNOT LEAVE THE GRANDSTAND SITE UNTIL THE VETS GIVE YOU PERMISSION. SOME DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ARE TOLERATED, MANY ARE PROHIBITED (READ THE RULES ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS OR SUBSTANCES TO COMPETITION HORSES FESTIVAL WESTERN ST-TITE 2026). SANCTIONS PRE-ESTABLISHED BY THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE WILL APPLY TO ANY HORSE THAT TESTS POSITIVE FOR DRUGS FOR:

- (1) a drug or prohibited substance,
- (2) an unauthorized mixture of authorized drugs or substances,
- (3) overdose of authorized drugs or substances.

Responsible persons, owners, trainers and riders are cautioned against the use of medicinal preparations, tonics, pastes, foods, supplements, nutraceuticals or herbal products of any kind, of which they are unfamiliar specifically neither the ingredients nor the quantitative analysis, because these products are likely to contain a drug whose use is prohibited within the framework of the Western Festival of St-Tite. Finally, remember that Rodéo-Vet's veterinarians are there to ensure the good health of your horses. Our objective is not to sanction but to prevent as much as possible the occurrence of accidents, both for the horse and for the competitor, during the performances. We thank you for your cooperation and remain at your disposal for any further information.

The Rodeo-Vet 2026 58th edition team