

Gastroscopy Admittance – What you need to know

A member of the office team will ring you within a few days of your appointment to complete an admissions form with you.

What you need to do prior to you appointment

- ✓ If your horse is insured, notify your Insurers immediately & request a claim form. If this is a continuation, please ensure you have signed a continuation form if your insurance company requires one.
- ✓ Check your policy for exclusions, if there are exclusions please notify us immediately
- ✓ Please let us know at the time of booking whether you will be starving your horse at home or bringing him/her into the clinic the day before.

Bring with you:

- ✓ Your horse's passport
- ✓ A completed claim form & copy of the policy schedule. If you haven't already done so, please settle your insurance excess.
- ✓ Your horse's usual stable rugs

Feeding:

- ✓ Your horse will need to be starved for a minimum of 18 hours prior to the appointment and water should be taken away first thing in the morning. **Your horse must not be on a straw bed.** You are welcome to bring your horse to the clinic the day before to be starved.
- ✓ If bringing your horse to the clinic to be starved, we do have a basic mix, cubes & chaff and good quality hay are available here – you are more than welcome to supply your own feed if preferred
- ✓ Please bring with you any medication or supplements your horse is usually given.
- ✓ Following the Gastroscopy, your horse will be trickle fed soaked hay. Please allow 2-3 hours before feeding normally.

Updates & Visiting:

- ✓ One of the nursing team will call to let you know how your horse is. They will not be in a position to provide any medical information about the procedure.
- ✓ Your attending veterinary surgeon will call you once his/hers investigations are complete

Discharge of your horse:

- ✓ On collection, the attending vet will provide written discharge instructions giving full instructions on what you need to do with your horse, details of any medication to be administered & any follow-up appointments to be made. Please note you need to make these appointments with the office, they will not be automatically made.
- ✓ You can collect your horse between 9am and 5.30pm, unless special arrangements have been made in advance of admission. An "After Hours Nurse Attendance Fee" may be applicable if outside our normal office hours.