



KERNOW

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Safeguarding welfare of animals under our care.

At Kernow Farm and Equine we continually work with our clients to improve the health and welfare of their animals.

We try to promote increased use of vaccines and improved housing to ensure animals are under minimal stress and protected against common diseases.

We actively encourage the use of Non steroidal anti-inflammatories to provide pain relief and reduce recovery time. We discuss the use of pain relief for routine procedures when undertaking health planning visits.

We use non-steroidals for all surgical castrates that our vets perform as well as disbudding and dehorning. All abdominal surgeries will receive non steroidals.

As a practice the five freedoms for animal welfare form the basis of advice given whether that be the care of newborn animals to downer cows.

1. *Freedom from hunger and thirst:* by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
2. *Freedom from discomfort:* by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
3. *Freedom from pain, injury or disease:* by prevention through rapid diagnosis and treatment.
4. *Freedom to express normal behaviour:* by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
5. *Freedom from fear and distress:* by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

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