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Post Intravenous Catheter Care

Your horse/pony has had an intravenous catheter placed into either the left or right side of the jugular vein on the neck. This is to enable us to give intravenous (IV) medicines quickly, safely and efficiently.

There will be a clipped patch over your horses' jugular where the intravenous catheter has been placed into the vein. Once the catheter has been removed there will be a small incision over the vein which will heal over the next few days. The site may scab over, it is best to leave this well alone to prevent prolonging wound healing at the site.

Over the next week check the catheter site daily for signs of **heat, pain, swelling or thickened vein**. If any of these signs are present then please call either one of the vets or nurse.

Every care has been taken with your horse to ensure this does not happen and the risk is minimal, however your horse will require further veterinary treatment if this does occur.

Any concerns please contact the clinic on 01260 280800

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