



Professional Service  
Personalised Care



## Information for Surgical Patients

### What does a General Anaesthetic involve?

General anaesthesia is routinely performed in equine veterinary practice and enables us to perform a wide range of surgical techniques at Lingfield Equine Vets.

All surgical procedures performed under anaesthesia are carried out in our purpose built surgical facility. For longer procedures horses are positioned on a dedicated equine surgical bed and we use inhalational anaesthesia. Whilst anaesthesia of the horse carries higher risks than in other species, we mitigate this risk by using state of the art monitoring equipment and a highly experienced anaesthesia team.

Due to the horse's size and nature, the recovery phase is well recognized to be associated with the most complications. Our facilities have been created with this in mind and the padded, heated recovery box is situated away from the main hospital to ensure a calm and quiet environment. We understand that this is a worrying time for any owner, so we will contact you as soon your horse recovers from anaesthesia to reassure you all is well.

### What you need to do before arriving for your appointment

- Return completed consent and admission forms to the Lingfield Equine Vets office team if you are not able to travel with your horse to the clinic
- Shoe removal. If appropriate, please arrange for your farrier to remove all shoes prior to admission. If you have not been able to do so, shoes will be removed at a cost of £25. If you have any concerns regarding this, please discuss this with your veterinary surgeon.
- Please ensure your horse arrives well groomed as cleanliness in surgery is critical to the well being of your horse. Please avoid using hoof oil.

### Care of your horse during their stay

**Keeping you up to date.** We will update you on your horse's progress throughout their stay. You will receive a text message from the nursing team following rounds each morning. Once the case vet has an opportunity to examine your horse they will update you by phone. If you have a preferred communication method or time, please inform us at admission.

**Visiting hours.** Whilst we would normally encourage you to visit your horse during their stay, in order to protect our staff and business during the current Coronavirus pandemic clients are not permitted on the clinic grounds except when authorised, in extreme cases, by the company partners. Clients will be updated daily on the condition of their horse and sent media images where and when feasible.

### **Feeding your horse**

We have a wide range of feeds available for your horse. However, if they have specific requirements then please bring enough additional feed/supplements with them for the duration of their stay.

### **What to bring with you**

We ask that you leave as few belongings as possible at the hospital but please do provide any rugs that your horse uses on a day to day basis.

### **Insurance documents**

If you are claiming on insurance for this condition, please bring a completed claim form or continuation form to help us process your claim. For more details on how we manage equine insurance claims please contact the office.