# NEWSLETTER



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## NEW EQUIPMENT - "GASTROSCOPE"

We are excited to annouce our latest addition to our diagnostic equipment. By the end of February we will have our own Gastroscope enabling us to offer our clients procedures with no long wait & no travel necessary as we will come to you. The "New Equipment" is the lastest model to be relased and is battery powered so no mains power supply is required.









### **EQUINE GASTRIC ULCER SYNDROME (EGUS)**

EGUS is the term used to describe the occurrence of gastric ulcers in horses (erosion of the stomach lining due to prolonged exposure to stomach acid). There are two forms of gastric ulcers: squamous ulcers & glandular ulcers (these relate to the two regions of the horse's stomach). Gastric ulcers have a detrimental impact on a horse's performance and temperament. If suspected, the only way to diagnose them is to perform a gastroscopy.



#### DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE

The procedure takes approx 30 minutes and involves the use of a 3m long endoscope being passed up the nose, down the oesophagus into the stomach. The ulcers are scored on their severity (graded between 0-4) and treatment is given over a period of weeks (depending on the severity and type of ulcers found). Treatment is then followed by a rescope to monitor the changes/improvements.

#### TREATMENT

If ulcers are indentified your vet will recommend the appropriate treatment which is generally an oral paste (however in some cases weekly injections are available). Throughout this time your vet will monitor the treatment process with yourself and also discuss ways to reduce the risk factors that make gastric uclers more likely to appear. If you think your horse may suffer from ulcers or would like to discuss this topic further contact the practice via phone or email.

## DON'T FORGET OUR ONLINE SHOP

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We will be holding our next client evening on Wednesday 11th March at 7pm at Musette Cafe. The evening will be filled with all you need to know on Gastric Ulcers and we will be joined by a vet from Norbrook to give a presention on the evening. Food and goodie bags will be provided for everyone!!

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