

NEWSLETTER

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GASTROSCOPY

At Farr & Pursey Equine we have a fully mobile gastroscope enabling us to carry out the procedure on the yard with no mains power required. The procedure is quick and simple and in the majority of cases we are able to scope your horse in less than 30 minutes from start to finish.

The diagnosis of Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome (EGUS), often referred to as "stomach ulcers" has never been so accessible to patients. Owners can be present whilst we look inside your horse – giving you as an owner a better understanding of what is happening. We will also send you the images for your own reference following the procedure letting you keep track of your horse's progress.



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 can have a detrimental impact on a horse's performance and temperament.

TREATMENT

Depending on the type of ulcers found following a gastroscopy, the treating vet will dispense the appropriate medication and also discuss ways to reduce the risk factors that make gastric ulcers more likely to appear, such as diet management, changes to daily routines and environmental changes.

Due to recent research our practice treatment protocol has now been updated; studies show that giving Omeprazole injections at 5 day intervals rather than 7 days results in a 93% healing rate (compared with 69% for 7-day dosing intervals).

Following the initial treatment a repeat gastroscopy is performed. These are key to checking the healing progress, and allow the Vet to make any necessary changes to the prescribed medication.

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