

ADMISSION FOR LAMENESS EXAMINATION



Many lameness investigations are carried out on an outpatient basis; however, depending on the case, the total investigation can involve several days' work and therefore please be prepared to leave your horse with us. In this event, hospitalisation charges are made from the day the horse is admitted until it is discharged.

You are most welcome to stay and observe the examinations, but please be aware that gaps often have to be left between procedures and the veterinary surgeon involved will often have other horses to examine during these times. It is therefore likely that there will be lengthy waiting times.

Important information to consider before your appointment

Please bring the horse's normal tack so that a ridden assessment can be performed, if necessary. If possible, it is better that the horse's regular rider is also available. If this is not possible, we can arrange for a member of our staff to ride your horse, with your permission.

Ideally maintain your horse in light work until the appointment date unless your veterinary surgeon has advised you otherwise. This ensures that your horse remains lame at the time of admission. It is frustrating when rest results in the horse not being sufficiently lame to allow a lameness examination to be performed.

All horses that are normally shod, should have shoes on, preferably the type that they have been wearing in the weeks before the appointment. Unshod horses often become foot-sore when trotted up for lameness examination. This can be confusing and complicate the diagnosis of the true lameness.

All anti-inflammatory or pain-killing drugs should be stopped at least 48 hours before your appointment date unless you have been advised otherwise by a veterinary surgeon. These drugs can mask lameness and make assessment of the horse's true lameness difficult.