

EQUINE HEALTH MANAGEMENT



STOMACH ULCER DETECTION & TREATMENT

GIPPSLAND EQUINE HOSPITAL *Equine Gastroscooping Day*

Gastric stomach ulcers are not just a problem for race horses. All horses from ponies to Clydesdales are prone to ulcers. Many factors influence the development of ulcers including:

- *Diet*
- *Exercise intensity*
- *Stress*

There are many things that we can do to help reduce the likelihood of stomach ulcers developing, but once ulcers are present there are only a select few treatments that are proven to be effective in treating them. The other complication with treating gastric ulcers is achieving a positive diagnosis.

In some cases, we are able to identify behaviours (e.g. Girthy or snitchy during work) that suggest ulcers maybe present, other times our horses or ponies may show more vague clinical signs, such as being just a little bit off or mildly colicky.

MANY HORSES SHOW NO SIGNS AT ALL UNTIL THEY BECOME SEVERELY SICK.

Without using a camera to look in the horse's stomach there is no way to absolutely confirm the presence or absence of ulcers and therefore develop appropriate treatment and ongoing management for effected horses.

With the help of Randlab, we can reduce the cost of the procedure by hiring their scope for a single day, rather than referring your horse to a specialist.

To register your interest in the day please give Gippsland Equine Hospital a call. Please be quick as places are limited and we would hate for anyone to miss out.

Cost: \$150 (*Massive discount of \$550 off the standard procedure cost of \$700*).

Venue: Gippsland Equine Hospital, 31 Beet Rd, Maffra

When: Wednesday 27 March 2019

To secure your place, phone: Gippsland Equine Hospital 03 5147 1008



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