

Your
Ambulatory
vets:

Hayden Webb

Aeisha Johnson

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Surgery

Opening Hours:

North Tawton,

Hatherleigh,

Okehampton.

08.30 – 17.30

Holsworthy

09.00 – 14.00

On call Hours

24 hrs a day – 7

days a week – 365

days a year

(366 days this
year!!)

Dispenses

Available to collect

24 hrs a day from

North Tawton,

Hatherleigh &

Okehampton

Between 09.00 –

14.00 from

Holsworthy

March is Ulcer Awareness Month

If you suspect your horse is showing signs of discomfort and you have been thinking about booking in for a gastroscopy, we are offering a reduced rate throughout the month of March.

The cost for the gastroscopy including sedation will be £195.00 inc VAT

(visit charge will be in addition)

Spaces will be limited so please contact our reception team on 01837 214004 to book in or to chat with one of our vets to see if a gastroscopy would be beneficial.

Gastroscopy: When might it benefit my horse?

What involved in gastroscopy?

Gastroscopy involves passing a camera through the horse's nose and down the oesophagus into the stomach. This allows a visual assessment of the larynx, oesophagus, stomach and the very start of the small intestine.

To undergo a gastroscopy the horse needs to be starved overnight (usually for 12 hours) with water removed 2 hours before the procedure. This ensures the stomach is as empty as possible so we can see everything we need to.

What do we see with a gastroscopy?

Gastroscopy is mostly used to detect the presence and severity of gastric ulcers. The horse's stomach is made of two main parts, a squamous light pink region, and a darker pink glandular region. Gastric ulcers typically form at the junction of the squamous and glandular regions (known as the margo plicatus), and at the exit of the stomach.

Equus Vets

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Medication collection points in North Tawton, Okehampton, Hatherleigh and

Holsworthy

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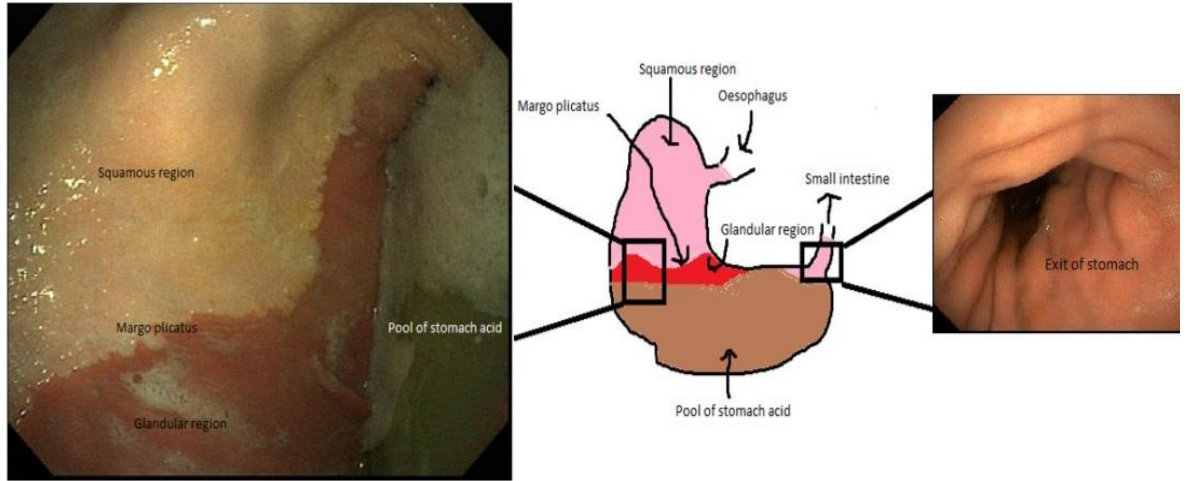
info@equusvets.co.uk – www.equusvets.co.uk

**PREPARATION
FOR YOUR
APPOINTMENT**

When booking your appointment, let us know all the issues you would like investigated/discussed so we can allocate time accordingly.

Vet's timings can be notoriously questionable!!! Unfortunately, things in the veterinary world don't always go to plan, our reception team will always do their best to update you if any timings are different from when originally booked, but if your horse could be ready with a headcollar to hand and clean enough for the work that is to be carried out that would be great.

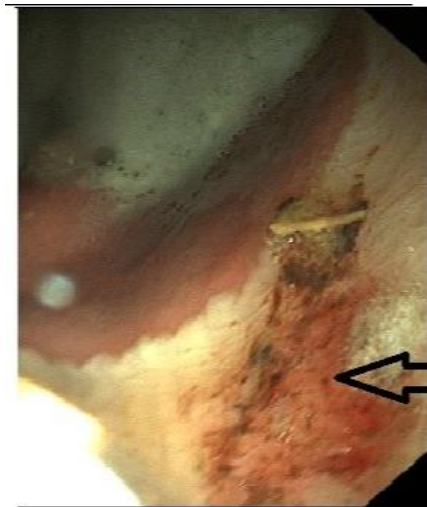
If you haven't already kindly provided us with the what3words for your yard, please call our reception team so that they can add it to your account. Sometimes sat navs can take our vets on some rather alternative routes!!



When should I consider it for my horse?

Horses with gastric ulcers may show the following signs:

- Behavioural changes such as dislike of girthing, bucking under saddle, teeth grinding.
- Poor condition and weight loss.
- Poor appetite.
- Recurrent low-grade colic, especially after eating.
- Poor performance and dullness.



Gastric ulceration in the squamous area of the stomach, on near the margo plicatus

EAST CORNWALL AREA DAYS FOR MARCH

w/c 11th March 2024

w/c 25th March 2024

