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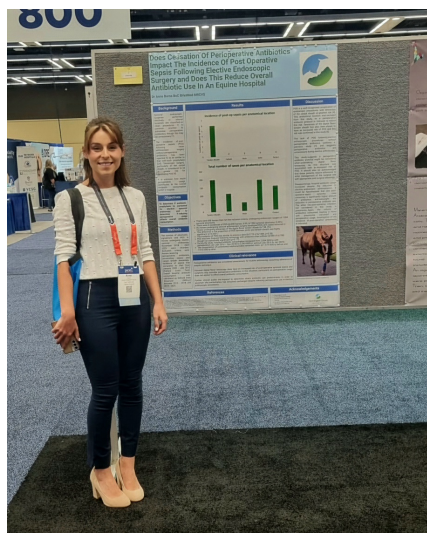
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Vet Anne Presents in Seattle at the ACVS Surgery Summit 2025

Anne Burns recently travelled to Seattle, Washington, USA, to present her hard work on the use of antibiotics for routine endoscopic surgery and specifically investigating whether they are truly necessary to reduce the risk of post-operative sepsis. Her presentation included a formal presentation followed by her research abstract displayed in poster form outlining the study's purpose, methodology, key findings, and major conclusions - as part of the Large Animal Poster Presentation segment at the conference.

Below is a summary of the research:

Post-surgery infections are a known risk after endoscopic (keyhole) surgery in horses. In particular, surgery on the digital flexor tendon sheath (called tenoscopy) carries a higher chance of infection. This study

suggests that giving antibiotics around the time of surgery (before and after) might be worth considering for this specific procedure, because of the higher infection risk. It's also very important that these horses have their bandages and surgical wounds cared for carefully after surgery to help prevent problems.

Interestingly, the study found that even though the hospital used fewer antibiotics during routine endoscopic surgeries, the overall amount of antibiotics used actually went up. One possible reason is that when a horse develops a serious infection in a joint or tendon sheath after surgery, it needs much more antibiotic treatment than what's given routinely around surgery time.

Another major type of infection that can happen after surgery - but wasn't covered in this study - is pneumonia. Treating pneumonia also requires a lot of antibiotics, far more than what's given before or during surgery. Future studies should look more closely at how often this happens. In general, antibiotics are not usually needed for standard keyhole joint surgeries (arthroscopies), as long as proper sterile surgical techniques are followed.

Her research has now been published in the Veterinary Surgery Journal - Congratulations to Anne on a great achievement. Attending the conference also gave Anne the opportunity to engage with keynote lectures and explore innovative research from fellow veterinarians across the pond. We are incredibly proud of her remarkable achievements and the important insights her work brings to the field.



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Your Horse's Passport: Section 9

Section 9 is the "Declaration" section in a horse's passport.

It records whether the horse can ever legally enter the human food chain (i.e., be slaughtered for meat) or not.

When this page in the passport is filled out as NOT for human consumption this means the horse *can never* go for slaughter for human meat. Once this box is signed and stamped, it's **permanent** — it **cannot be reversed**.

Vets can then safely use certain medications that are not allowed in food-producing animals.

If you ever need medication from us it is important that we have a signed copy of the Section 9 page of your passport formally removing your horse or pony from the human food chain on file.

Most UK passports do call it Section 9 - but some don't - so just have a look to see which page addresses the food chain and take a photo and email it to admin@horsevets.co.uk so we can keep it on record. This will make any medication requests run smoothly and avoid any unwelcome delays as due to regulation we have to have this on file before dispensing!



Please send us your Section 9!

Health Checks and Management – Preparing Your Horse for the Cold

As the weather turns colder and wetter, now's the time to make sure your horse is ready for winter. A few simple checks can keep them healthy, comfortable, and performing well through the season.

Body Condition & Feeding: Assess your horse's weight before grass growth slows. Horses burn more energy staying warm, so adjust feeding as needed — adding forage or a balancer for poor doers, or cutting calories for good doers. Introduce any diet changes gradually to avoid digestive upset.

Teeth & Dental Care: A pre-winter dental check ensures your horse can chew forage properly and maintain condition, especially when living on hay or haylage.

Rugs, Clipping & Shelter: Not every horse needs a rug, but older, clipped, or lean horses may benefit. Check rugs for fit and rubbing, and ensure shelter from wind and rain. A suitable clip can help working horses stay comfortable after exercise.

Hoof Care: Wet, muddy conditions can lead to thrush or abscesses. Pick out feet daily, provide dry standing areas, and keep up with regular farrier visits.