

## **ADVICE FOR OWNERS BRINGING HORSES IN FOR SCINTIGRAPHY**

1. Owners need to arrive with their horse either Monday afternoon or before 10.00 a.m. Tuesday morning.
2. Owners need to bring in the rugs that the horse would normally wear. We will supply hay and hard food.
3. Once the horse has been admitted, stable and tail bandages are put on. The horse will then be injected and become radioactive for the next forty-eight hours, because of this we ask owners not to visit until Thursday mid-day.
4. When the horse is in the stable it will not be mucked out because of its radioactivity and owners should be aware of this.
5. Horses are injected intravenously between 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on the Tuesday and are ready to be scanned three hours later.
6. After three hours the horse is taken to the Scanning room and dependant on what is to be scanned the procedure can last anything up to one and a half hours.
7. Once scanned the horse is then taken back to its stable and left for the radioactivity to decay.
8. On the Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning further x-rays or nerve blocks may be performed to follow up any findings from the bone scan.
9. Clients will be kept informed throughout the forty-eight hours and will be advised when to come and collect their horse.

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