QUT Laminitis Survey

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RESEARCH TEAM

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DESCRIPTION

Equine laminitis is a common and costly welfare issue in horses worldwide. The disease has multiple causes with metabolic and endocrine diseases commonly resulting in laminitis. Queensland University of Technology (QUT) is conducting the 'QUT Laminitis Survey' which aims to determine how frequently different forms of laminitis recur.

PARTICIPATION

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you may withdraw at any time. Your participation is vital to the success of the study and is greatly appreciated by the research team. We understand that your time is precious and in return for your efforts we will provide some assistance with diagnostic procedures for cases recruited to the study. For further details please contact the principal researcher: melody.delaat@qut.edu.au

EXPECTED BENEFITS

By participating in this study you will help to improve our understanding of this challenging disease. Our ultimate aim is to make laminitis a manageable disease and improve horse welfare.

RISKS

Participation should not involve any unnecessary risks beyond those encountered in normal daily activities. The study does not ask the participants to undertake any specific activities, merely to report on findings recorded during their usual occupation. Participants should not undertake activity that they deem to be risky for the purposes of participation in the study .

All recruiting veterinarians should be appropriately skilled, qualified and registered.

PRIVACY & CONFIDENTIALITY

The research team would like to ensure participants that the information provided in the questionnaires will be handled confidentially. Participant details will remain separated from patient information and participant details will only be used to allow identification of cases for appropriate follow-up. We will not disclose your or your client's personal information to third parties without your consent, except in response to legal requirements. We plan to publically present and publish the results of this research however, information will only be disseminated in a form that does not identify you or your client.
Your client's privacy is very important to us. If your client wishes to remain anonymous then we ask that you assign them a client ID and use this on the questionnaire. Please retain this client ID for use on case follow-up questionnaires.


**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE**

By completing this and any other 'QUT Laminitis Survey' questionnaires you are consenting to the use of de-identified patient information provided by you by the research team for the purposes of improving our understanding of the recurrence of laminitis. Your client must complete the 'Owner Consent Form' before their horse/pony can be included in the study. As already stated, client personal information will not be used for any purpose other than case identification during follow-up. In addition, neither individual veterinarians nor veterinary practices will be named in any reports/publications that result from this study unless permission is granted by the individual and/or practice.

**QUESTIONS / FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT**

In the event that laminitis does not recur following initial diagnosis for any study participant, the research team would like to be able to confirm that the patient has not been lost to follow up (e.g. sold). The recruiting veterinarian and/or horse owner may prefer that the research team contact the owner directly for follow up at the end of the study period. If this is the case either the recruiting veterinarian or horse owner can advise the research team of their preference by contacting the principal researcher: melody.delaat@qut.edu.au

**CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE PROJECT**

If you have any concerns regarding the conduct of this project during your involvement please contact the principal researcher: melody.delaat@qut.edu.au

Thank you for helping with this research project. Please keep this sheet for your information.