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EQUINE GENERAL ANAESTHESIA

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- One section of hay can be offered overnight before general anaesthesia (GA) and a small amount of hay can be offered a.m. if GA is p.m.
- No hard feed should be given in the morning of the operation.
- Water should be available up until 1 hour before surgery.
- If the horse is grass-kept it should be brought into a stable with no food/hay 4-6 hours prior to surgery.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPERATION

- A suitable, dry, spacious, quiet area. Most procedures requiring a G.A. are carried out in a large ménage or outdoors.
- The surface preferably should be soft, clean, dry & 'dust-free'.
- A clean bucket with warm water.
- A clean, relaxed patient (if possible!).
- One capable person available to hold the patient.
- The vet may need a nearby power point to provide extra lighting or for the use of electrical equipment if necessary, please check with the vet.
- A consent form should be signed prior to the GA. This confirms the acceptance of the associated risks & authorisation for the relevant procedure to be carried out.