



Park Veterinary Centre

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REQUIREMENTS FOR X-RAYS

SUITABLE AREA/ SITE

- Inside stable or under cover and preferably a flat concrete floor. Minimum area of 10 square metres.
- As dark as possible and quiet environment.
- Clean and dry.
- All bedding should be lifted to sides or back of stable – preferably an ‘empty’ stable.
- Nearby power point with a good source of ‘mains’ electricity. Generator ‘power’ is not suitable.
- From a safety point of view, people, particularly children should stay away from the x-raying ‘area’ during the procedure.

ANATOMICAL AREA TO BE X-RAYED

- The area of the horse to be x-rayed must be clean and dry.
- If the feet are to be x-rayed, the shoes should be removed before the visit (both, feet need to have shoes removed as the opposite one is frequently used for comparison). Shoes can be removed at the time of the visit but will incur a small extra cost.
- The procedure will take at least 1-2 hours.
- Sedation administered by a vet may be necessary as the patient must be quiet and still.

RESULTS

In most instances x-rays will be developed on site but will only be examined at the time of the visit by an attending veterinary surgeon if appropriate, i.e. in cases of emergency such as possible fractures or joint penetrations.

The radiographs are dried and 'hung up' for a 12 hour period. Therefore radiographic 'opinions' tend to be provided to the client the day following the x-ray procedure.



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