



# Park Veterinary Centre

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## **REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION**

### SUITABLE AREA

- Inside / under cover.
- Preferably dark (not in direct sunlight).
- Clean & dry.
- Minimal bedding.
- Nearby power point.

### LIMB EXAMINATION (used primarily to image the soft tissue structures of the lower limb)

- Clean, dry legs (the opposite limb may be scanned for a comparison).
- The area will *have to be clipped* close to the skin. In the case of pre-purchase examinations, the owner's permission will have to be sought.
- Scanning can be a lengthy procedure (1/2 – 1 1/2 hours!) – the horse should be still & patient!
- A hay-net often relieves boredom & creates a more relaxed atmosphere.
- Sedation can be administered by a vet if necessary.

### ABDOMINAL EXAMINATION (mainly used to image the reproductive and urinary tract)

- In the adult horse this is a transrectal examination.
- The patient will normally be sedated (unless stocks are available on site) to allow a safe and stress-free examination for both the patient and the vet.
- A tail bandage will be useful to keep the tail clean and out of the way.

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