

Equine Laparoscopic Surgery

EQUINE SURGERY & EQUINE FIELD SERVICE

What is laparoscopic surgery?

Laparoscopic surgery in horses is a minimally invasive technique used to diagnosis and treat various abdominal conditions. Typically, this procedure is done with the horse standing under heavy sedation. It involves using a camera and other specialized instruments inserted through small incisions on your horse's flank.

To prepare your horse for laparoscopic surgery, please adhere to the following:

Fasting

Horses need to be fasted longer for a laparoscopic procedure. Starting from the time they finish their dinner; they are beginning their fast for the surgery, which is a total of 36 hours. Your horse can have their **normal dinner** the **evening before their drop-off appointment**. After your horse's dinner please put them up in a small area, like a stall, with no access to hay, grain, or grass. They can have access to fresh water at all times. This also includes no hay on the trailer.

Wellness

All hospitalized horses must have proof of a in date, negative Coggins test. If one needs to be pulled during your horse's stay, we are happy to provide that service to you. Your horse will also need to be up to date (within 6 months of surgery) on the tetanus toxoid vaccine. We are happy to give a booster if necessary.

Bathing

If you are able to give your horse a full bath prior to bringing them in, it takes less time to get them prepped for surgery. While we do not require this from owners, it does help.

Call us with questions, or to schedule an appointment!
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