



# 1 IN 3 HORSES SUFFER FROM GASTRIC ULCERS.<sup>1</sup> DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS?

Equine gastric ulcer syndrome (EGUS) is a common condition in horses.<sup>2</sup> Ulcers are associated with pain and other negative symptoms.

Many horses with EGUS show minimal signs and this often means the condition can go unnoticed.<sup>2</sup> Being aware and alert for subtle signs of gastric ulcers can help you catch things early and prevent future problems for your horse:<sup>2,3</sup>



Gastroscopy is the only accurate way for your vet to diagnose EGUS. This method uses a flexible tube, with a camera and light on the end, to view the stomach lining.<sup>2</sup>



## ADVANTAGES OF GASTROSCOPY:



Confirms the type of mucosa (stomach lining) affected and the severity of the ulcers

### IS IT TIME TO SCOPE?

Helps rule out other conditions that may mimic the clinical signs of EGUS

If you notice any of the above symptoms in your horse, contact your vet immediately. If appropriate, they can then discuss gastroscopy, treatment and future prevention of EGUS for your horse.

More information is available at [www.equinegastriculcers.co.uk](http://www.equinegastriculcers.co.uk)

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