

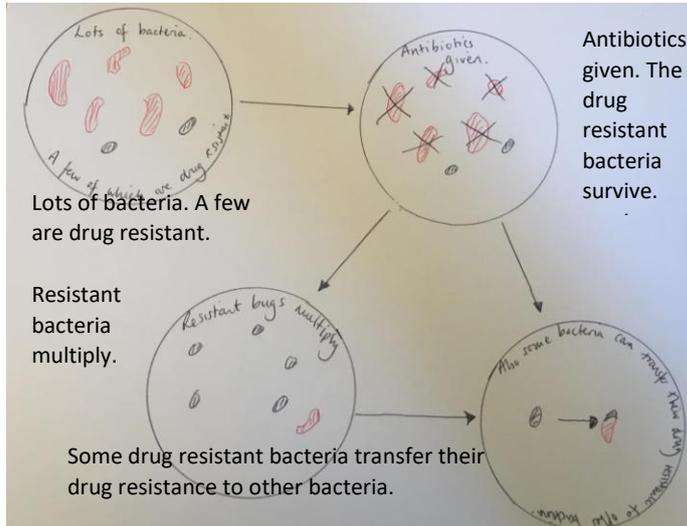
## Responsible Antibiotic Usage

### Why We Sometimes Have to Say "No"

We have to look after our antibiotics because:

- Resistant bacteria are becoming an increasing problem
- There are very few new antibiotics being developed

Resistance occurs when:



What Can We Do to Help?

- Practice good preventative health care e.g. good first aid, vaccination.
- Avoid using antibiotics without consulting with your vet.
- Use diagnostic tests to check if antibiotics are required.
- ALWAYS complete your horse's antibiotic course unless you are advised not to.
- Use sensitivity testing to check the right antibiotic is being



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### Acupuncture



As the competition season is hotting up. Don't forget that Mel offers acupuncture sessions for musculoskeletal pain and behaviour problems. Please feel free to ring the clinic to discuss this with Mel to see whether acupuncture could help your horse perform even better.

### Laminitis

We are seeing a lot of cases of laminitis at the moment. We increasingly recognise that this is often associated with uncontrolled or undiagnosed equine metabolic syndrome (EMS) or PPID (equine Cushing's disease). Here are some of the signs to look out for. Not all horses have all of the signs and some are without symptoms.

Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS)	Equine Cushing's Disease (PPID)
Any age	Older horses more likely
Native breeds, "Good Doers"	Any breed
Often Overweight	Can be any weight
May have fat deposits e.g. cresty neck, fat pads, bulging fat over eyes, but can be "ribby" at the same time	Often poorly muscled
Normal infection risk	Prone to infections
Drinking and urinating normally	Can drink and urinate more than usual
Normal Coat	Longer coat often, delayed shedding in Spring.

Please do contact us if you are interested in having your horse tested.