EQUINE ADVICE SHEETS

Tetanus



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Bacterial infection causing rigid paralysis

- Bacteria is wide-spread with spores found in dust, manure and soil
- High fatality rates
- Much easier to prevent than treat
- **Vaccination** is highly recommended with a primary course 4 6 weeks apart and boosters every 1-2 years
- Tetanus anti-toxin can be administered to at risk unvaccinated horses

Situations the predispose to tetanus infection

- Wounds, particularly deep puncture wounds
- Foal umbilical infection
- Foot abscess
- Castration wounds
- Contaminated wounds

For more information, contact House & Jackson to speak to one of the team, call us on 01277 823808