

Welcome to the Equine Soft Tissue Surgery Service

The Soft Tissue Surgery Service at the Dick Vet Equine Hospital is composed of our boarded specialists in surgery and dentistry.

Referral to the Soft Tissue Service is easy and quick, either by a phone call or email to our equine reception. While your horse is in our care, we provide regular updates to the owner and referring vet. We work with you to provide the best care for the patients, owners and referring vets.

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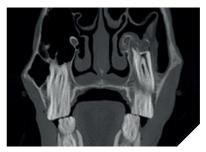
Head and Neck Surgery

The Dick Vet Equine Hospital is internationally recognised for its expertise in head and neck surgery, including dentistry, sinus and upper airway surgery. It has been at the forefront of clinical research and developments in these fields. Common reasons for dental referral are: dental fractures; complex extractions; diastema; oro-sinus fistulas; infundibular cavity restoration; and sinus disorders. Access to our two standing CTs allows accurate imaging of the head region and facilitates accurate diagnosis and treatment.

We offer dynamic overground endoscopy to observe the airway during exercise in race and sport horses, which improves diagnosis of upper airway disorders. This is coupled with our extensive experience and expertise in surgical treatments of the upper airways such as traditional and transendoscopic laser 'Hobday' operations, tiebacks and tie forwards. Many of these surgeries can now be accomplished under standing sedation, thereby maximising the outcome.



Standing Head CT



CT showing apical infection

Advanced techniques

The Soft Tissue Surgery Service offers the latest treatments in skin tumours and minimally invasive surgery.

- · Laser surgery for sarcoids
- Local chemotherapy for sarcoids
- Treatment of other skin tumours
- Standing laparoscopic removal of the ovaries and intraabdominal testes
- Standing closure of the nephrosplenic space
- Colic surgery or exploratory laparotomy

Cutting edge technology, funded through generous donations, helps keeps the soft tissue service at the very forefront of care for our equine patients.



Sinoscopic fenestration of maxillary septal bulla



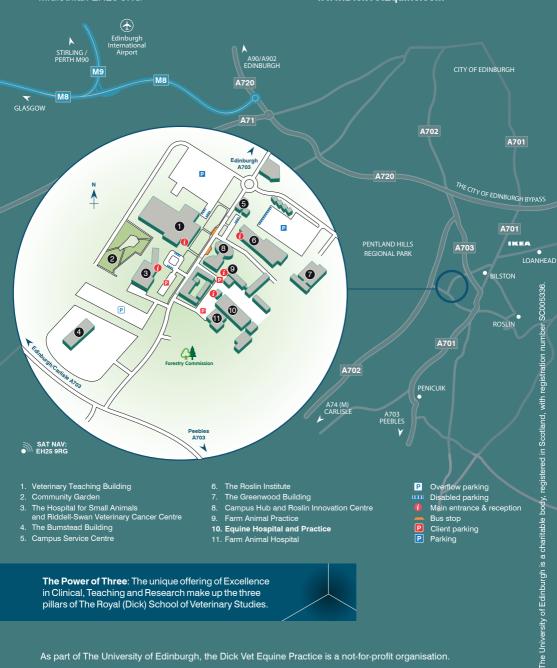
Laser vocalcordectomy



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