



# SEADOWN

VETERINARY GROUP

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## Lameness Investigations

A large part of our clinical time is spent undertaking lameness investigations. The investigation is started by:

- Observing how your horse stands
- Palpating limbs and joints
- The use of hoof testers to localise any solar pain
- Observing your horse in walk and trot
- Performing flexion tests to see if any lameness is exacerbated
- Observation of gait on the lunge or under saddle



Once the lame limb(s) has been identified and the degree of lameness noted, location of the site of pain is attempted with the use of nerve blocks.

Simple causes of lameness may be diagnosed on the yard for more complicated cases we always recommend further work up at our Equine Clinic.



The Clinic's facilities which include a hard trot up area and soft surface arena allow further work up and analysis of your horse's problem. Once located with the use of nerve/joint blocks, further examination of the problem will be carried out using our digital radiography and ultrasonography machines. The use of these digital facilities allows us to obtain high quality images and these can be forwarded if necessary, to remedial farriers and referral centres.

Appropriate advice and treatment will then be given. This may include joint medication in the form of intra-articular/intravenous drugs, oral medication (anti-inflammatories/nutraceuticals), remedial farriery, or physiotherapy.



As some lameness investigations can take more than one day, it may be necessary to keep your horse overnight. The clinic has four secure, large comfortable boxes, including a mare and foal box, the boxes have CCTV and the horses are checked as necessary by our overnight staff.

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