

Limb Cast Discharge Notes

Your horse has had a cast applied to support and/or protect structures in the limb. Although the vast majority of horses tolerate casts very well, a number of problems can, on rare occasions, develop and therefore we recommended that you go through the following checks on a daily basis as a matter of routine.

Daily monitoring of a Horse with a Cast:

General Checks:

- Demeanour of horse (ie depressed, restless, off food)
- Temperature (normal 100.5 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Willingness to bear weight on limb with cast
- Attention paid to cast by horse (eg biting at cast)
- Proportion of time spent lying down

Checking the Cast:

- Look for creases or cracks appearing in the cast
- Check gap between leg and cast to ensure covered and not filled with bedding etc
- Run hands over cast to check for areas which are noticeably warmer
- Check for swelling of leg above the cast
- Look for discharge soaking through the cast

Checking for increase in Lameness:

- It is advisable to walk the horse out just a few strides each day (unless otherwise advised by the vet) to check that the horse's lameness has not worsened
- If **any** of the above signs are noticed, please do not wait until the vet next visits but **contact the vet straight away.**