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## Lameness examination

## Advice regarding your upcoming appointment.

Maintain your horse in light work until the appointment date unless your veterinary surgeon has advised you otherwise. This ensures that your horse remains lame at the time of admission. It is frustrating when rest results in the horse not being sufficiently lame to allow a lameness examination to be performed.

All horses that are normally shod, should have shoes on, preferably the type that they have been wearing in the weeks before the appointment. Unshod horses often become foot-sore when trotted up for lameness examination. This can be confusing and complicate the diagnosis of the true lameness.

All anti-inflammatory or pain-killers should be stopped at least 48 hours before your appointment date unless you have been advised otherwise by a veterinary surgeon. These drugs can mask lameness and make assessment of the horse's true lameness difficult.