

**“There is something about the outside of a horse
that is good for the inside of a man.”**

Winston Churchill



We know your horse's health is important to you

That's why we want to make sure you are informed about an emerging issue that can pose a health risk to your horses – antimicrobial resistance (AMR). AMR leads to drug resistant infections, which are harder and more expensive to treat.

5 ways vets are working to reduce AMR

- 1** Vets won't dispense antibiotics to you without examining your horse.
- 2** We may recommend more tests or further monitoring before deciding whether to treat with antibiotics.
- 3** Where they exist, we will recommend effective alternatives to antibiotics.
- 4** For some conditions that have received antibiotics in the past, we may no longer recommend antibiotics at all, prescribe a shorter course or different antibiotic. For example, your horse may undergo surgical procedures with no or minimal duration of antibiotics.
- 5** We won't use antibiotics for 'routine' treatment to prevent infectious diseases in healthy horses.

What can you do about AMR?

Overuse of antibiotics is a key driver of AMR. Vets and doctors are all trying to reduce how much they use antibiotics. You can help too, by staying informed and using antibiotics only as directed. Antibiotic use is not without risk; certain types or extended courses of antibiotics can lead to life-threatening diarrhoea in horses. Maintaining your horses' health and wellbeing is the best way to minimise bacterial disease and the need for antibiotics.

**Less bacterial disease = less need for antibiotics
That's good news for everyone.**