

STRANGLES

Part Two:

Prepare for Strangles



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**What do we need for a successful
quarantine area?**

- LOTS of the correct type of disinfectant
- Separate equipment, bedding and feed
- Hand sanitizer
- Quarantine signage
- Overalls
- Foot dips
- Separate muck heap
- And...



CO-OPERATION!

A close-up, textured background of brown horse hair, likely a mane or tail, with individual strands clearly visible. The color is a rich, warm brown with some lighter and darker variations.

Where's suitable for quarantine?

A stable

- ... away from others, but with horses still in view
- ... with high sided solid walls
- ... with no access via main walkway

Or

A field

- ... at least 10 metres from other horses (preferably 25 metres)
- ... with a separate water supply
- ... not grazed by other horses during this time the quarantine period

Quarantine protocol

Quarantine protocol
To be circulated to all staff/ferry yard users
Keep one copy in quarantine facility and one on the main yard

**ONLY ENTER QUARANTINE AREA WITH
PERMISSION OF YARD MANAGER**

When entering quarantine area:

- Use designated entry point.
- Only take in things you will need. Anything that comes back out will need disinfecting (i.e. coats, jewellery, mobile phones etc).
- **DO NOT ENTER UNLESS YOU ARE WEARING CLEAN OVERALLS.** Make sure they are the right size for you. They need to cover your clothes underneath, including shirt cuffs and bottoms of trousers.

When in the quarantine area:

- Only use allocated quarantine tools and equipment.
- Limit contact with horses in quarantine. Strangles spread through touching.
- When clearing out the horse's water container, tip any remaining water into a bucket and add coat disinfectant to it before disposing of it as it will be contaminated.
- Feed bowls need to be washed out with heat disinfectant after each use.
- Any nasal or abscess discharge on the floor needs to be covered with heat disinfectant before washing or sweeping away.
- Ensure you follow the correct procedures for the disposal of manure from quarantine yard.
- ALL equipment, including empty hay nets and head collars, needs to be dipped and thoroughly soaked in disinfectant before removing from the area.

On exit of the quarantine area:

- Use designated exit point.
- Remove your overalls at the quarantine area exit point. Avoid rubbing your clothes on the outside of the overalls. Peel overalls off inside out and do not turn back the correct way until they have been disinfected and washed. Place the dirty overalls in the provided disinfectant solution ensuring they are completely submerged.
- Before leaving the quarantine area, disinfect hands by using hand sanitiser and dip your boots in the disinfectant provided to cover the sole and exposed part of the boot. Disinfectant will not work if it is contaminated with mud or manure, so make sure dips are clean and any mud on boots or equipment is cleared off before disinfecting.
- Foot and overall dips will be changed every two days by the yard manager or allocated person. Check disinfectant instructions to see dilution rates.

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<http://www.redwings.org.uk/welfare/advice-and-information/strangles/>

Spot the mistakes

1. No clearly marked entry and exit points
2. Takes overalls from the bin marked 'dirty overalls'. The dirty overalls bin should be next to the exit point
3. The red barrier needs to be at least 8 feet in front of the quarantine area to allow for storage of equipment
4. All equipment should be labelled "For quarantine use only"
5. Takes phone into the quarantine area and uses it. Anything that is taken into the quarantine area must be disinfected on exit
6. Plays with hair while in the quarantine area. Her hair will need to be disinfected on exit!
7. Kisses the horse around the nose, where bacteria will be highly prevalent. Strangles spreads through touch, so contact with an infected horse must be kept to a minimum
8. Rolls up sleeves, leaving her clothes exposed
9. Disinfectant must be swilled in the water bucket to kill any bacteria in the water or on the bucket before it is disposed of
10. The participant takes equipment out of the quarantine area
11. The participant dipped her feet in the disinfectant too quickly. Shoes and boots must be submerged in the disinfectant
12. The participant did not disinfect her hard hat
13. The participant did not use the hand sanitizer that is available
14. Dirty overalls need to go straight into a disinfectant solution
15. The participant removed rubbish from the quarantine area.

Any questions? Please ask!



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