
STRANGLES

Part One:

Key facts

Spot the signs

Prevent the disease



**Incorporating Ada Cole
Memorial Stables**

What do YOU know?

Key facts

- The most commonly diagnosed equine infectious disease in the world
- Infection of the nose and throat
- Passed on through physical contact
- 10% risk of further complications
- It can happen to ANY horse and ANY owner

What are the symptoms?

Early signs

- Sore throat
- Loss of appetite
- Swelling
- Depression
- Fever
- Cough



Advanced signs

- Thick nasal discharge
- Abscesses on the side of the head



What's wrong with this horse?



He is a Strangles *carrier*.

Around 10% of horses that
have had Strangles in the
past will continue to carry
the bacteria – *without
showing any symptoms*.

Prevention is better than cure

At the yard

- 1) All new horses to the yard will be quarantined for two weeks
- 2) They will be observed closely and have temperatures taken daily

Away from home

- 1) Always take your own drinking water and buckets. Don't use shared supplies.
- 2) Do not allow horses direct contact with other horses
- 3) Only handle your own horse. Wash your hands if you handle someone else's.
- 4) Do not allow horses to graze close to others. Take your own hay nets and forage.

**Next step: prepare
for Strangles...**