



EQUINE VETERINARY CARE

LOCATED AT FAIR HILL TRAINING CENTER

“Llewellyn”, ie Sternothyroideus Tenectomy/Myectomy

NOTE:

Please call EVC with any questions or concerns. As with any surgical procedure, complications can develop and early intervention can help return your patient health more rapidly.

- * **Clean surgical site** with gloved hands and iodine solution-soaked cotton 4x4's two times per day for 10-14 days. “Open” site with fingers and move to either side of trachea to provide continuous drainage. Expect some amount of clear / yellow serous discharge when opening surgical site
- * Maintain on **Oxytetracycline 25ml IV** one time per day for 5 days (or other comparable broad-spectrum antimicrobial).
- * Maintain on **Phenylbutazone 10ml IV** one time per day for 5 days (or other comparable NSAID).
- * Return to full race training as needed.

NOTE:

This procedure will not necessarily prevent the patient from dorsally displacing its soft palate, it will only allow the patient to more easily replace the epiglottis back into its normal position if it becomes displaced. One can expect some continued expiratory noise of short duration during exercise.

Continue to breeze / race patient with appropriate equipment, ie. Tongue Tie, Figure Eight, Drop Noseband, Tongue-Depressor Bit, etc.