

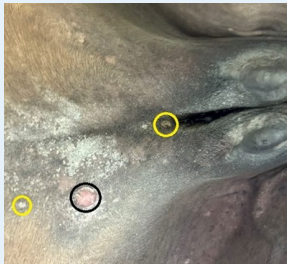
WHAT IS A SARCOID?

If your horse has a lump or mass that is affecting the skin, we strongly recommend that you get it checked as it could be a sarcoid. Sarcoids are (mostly) benign tumours of the skin. They are 'contagious' between horses that get sarcoids and are commonly spread by biting flies. They appear mainly in summer and grow in winter.

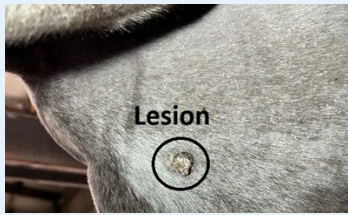
There are 4 more common types of sarcoids; Occult, Verrucose, Nodular and Fibroblastic. The 5th type is a mix of any of these types and the 6th is the malignant type.



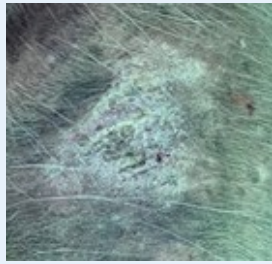
Verrucous sarcoid



Nodular sarcoid



Fibroblastic sarcoid



Occult sarcoid

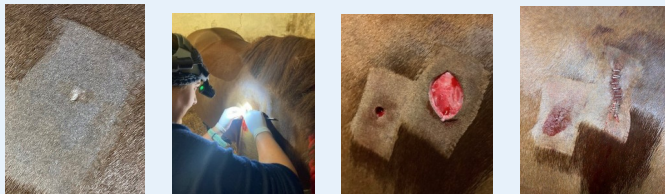
DIAGNOSIS

Central Equine Vets collaborates with Professor Derek Knottenbelt of Equine Medical Solutions, a specialist in Equine Oncology. We operate on a referral basis: after diagnosing lesions and recording their details, we refer cases to Prof. Knottenbelt and his team for further treatment. Treatment options depend on the type, location, and size of the sarcoid.



COSTS

As with all referrals, there is a referral fee involved. This will be added to your overall invoice following your initial consultation with Central Equine Vets. Following assessment of the lesion by Equine Medical Solutions. There will be a recommended treatment plan, costs can vary, depending on what treatment is required. If you would like to have a better understanding of costs that may be incurred, contact your veterinary surgeon and ask to speak to one of the vets, who will be able to discuss this with you further.



Some sarcoids can be surgically removed

TREATMENT AND RECOVERY TIME

The treatment and recovery time of a sarcoid can vary, depending on what kind of sarcoid we are dealing with, how big the sarcoid is and where on the body the sarcoid is located. Please speak to your vet who can give you some indication for both. The treatment options for sarcoids include radiation therapy, surgical removal, ligation or tying-off (also known as 'banding'), topical treatment and localised injections.

As sarcoids are a form of skin cancer, the success of its treatment can vary. Catching a sarcoid early can often be of great benefit in relation to treatment and recovery time as well as the success. We highly recommend that you do not delay in discussing equine skin lesions with your vet, as this could mean the difference between a successful and a less successful outcome.



Sarcoid following AW5 treatment