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SEDATION OF HORSES FOR VETERINARY PARAPROFESSIONALS

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HORSE'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____

GENDER: _____ COLOUR: _____

You have requested sedation of your horse/ pony to allow
(Procedure – e.g. dentistry, clipping, shoeing)

to be carried out by someone outside this practice on
(Date of procedure)

A veterinary surgeon from this practice will perform such a sedation, subject to the following terms and conditions and warnings:

- A sedated horse can never be considered totally safe. It might behave unpredictably at any time. Sudden arousals can occur without notice or in exaggerated response to stimuli that would otherwise be tolerated. Sedated horses may stumble, even fall, and they remain able to kick, barge, rear etc. Only experienced and competent persons, who are aware of these risks, should handle or be near sedated horses.
- The practice will charge per unit time in attendance in addition to drug and administration costs etc. (1). The veterinary surgeon will advise that he or she should remain with the horse for the duration that the procedure requires sedation. If you decline to accept that advice, the practice will not be held liable for any loss or damage of any kind that might otherwise not have occurred.
- The practice will accept responsibility only for sedating your horse. The practice will not be held liable for any loss or damage of any kind that arises from the choice of technician, or of the procedure to be carried out, or the manner in which it is performed (2).

Note 1: A sedation fee will be charged covering the cost of intravenous injection and 15 minutes time. The cost of all drugs used will be charged separately. Waiting time will be charged for time in attendance greater than 15 minutes. For more details on charging rates and estimates please contact the practice.

Note 2: It is against the law for an Equine Dental Technician (EDT) to perform any invasive acts of veterinary surgery, including extracting teeth, other than the extraction of erupted wolf teeth. In addition, many other dental procedures will require the administration of pain killing drugs that may only be provided by a veterinary surgeon.

Signed: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____
(Please return to office for processing)

