

## **What to expect after your horse has surgery?**

After your horse has undergone surgery, you can expect a phone call from one of our surgeons. Generally the horse will stay in hospital for a minimum of one day. Depending on what procedure your horse has had, they may need to stay in hospital for a few days for monitoring, bandage changes or further treatment. Some procedures may be day surgeries. Upon arrival at the hospital to pick up your horse, please report to reception so one of the staff can find a vet or nurse to go through the discharge instructions. You will then be shown to your horse.

### **What is helpful for us to know?**

- Your horse may need medications whilst in hospital or to go home on medication. If your horse is needle shy or difficult to medicate please let us know.
- If your horse may have specific recovery instructions, (i.e., box rest, exercise programs, multiple medications, and/or bandage changes,) and you are unable to provide this care we may be able to help you make other arrangements.
- Please give us an indication of who may be picking your horse up, or who we will need to call once your horse is ready to be discharged from the hospital.
- If your horse needs frequent bandage replacements, you may require bandaging material. Please let us know as we can arrange to supply everything you need. If necessary, we can do the final bandage change while you're present so you can see what is required.

### **When your horse is home**

If you are worried about anything, please give our office a ring and ask for one of our vets to help you.

If you have any other queries please feel free to ask...we all want the best outcome possible.

Phone Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital on 03 58299566