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**Equine Lameness Investigation only £395  
at the Equine Centre.  
(Save over £250)**

Dear Colleague,  
Lameness is the most prevalent health problem in horses and frequently results in a non-functional horse. Diagnosing the cause of the lameness can be challenging and time consuming, but is required to be able to offer an optimal treatment plan. Langford Veterinary Services is offering the following package for investigation of such problems.

Full lameness evaluation which includes

- Extensive clinical lameness investigation on hard and soft surfaces (no time-limit)
- Diagnostic anaesthesia (up to 4 nerve blocks)
- Radiographic examination (up to 10 views) under sedation

This price does not include treatments or other available diagnostics, such as scintigraphy (see box opposite) and ultrasonography. Any additional diagnostics or treatments will be tailored to the individual patients after discussion with the owner. Multiple treatment options are available and include corrective shoeing, a variety of intra-articular and intra-muscular medications, rehabilitation programmes and surgery if needed.

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**Miss Evita Busschers DVM MVR DipACVSMRCVS  
Teaching Fellow in Equine Surgery and American  
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Evita Busschers is an American Specialist in Equine Surgery and has obtained her experience in musculoskeletal injuries & lameness diagnostics during her residency in the United States (University of Pennsylvania) & in a private referral practice in the Netherlands.

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to discuss any case with Dr Busschers, or colleagues, or if you have a specific enquiry.

**Bone Scan Packages**

If scintigraphy is the next stage in the lameness investigation then we are currently able to do this at the following Promotional Prices:

- Scintigraphy of Pelvis and Hindlimbs £800
- Scintigraphy of Front Limbs £750
- Whole Body Scintigraphy £1,150
- Neck & Back Scintigraphy £650

Additional views are priced at £50 for each area and all prices include 3 days stay at the Equine Centre.





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## IRAP® now available at the Equine Centre

IRAP® is an acronym for *Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist Protein* and is a biological treatment used in the management of osteo-arthritis. This protein inhibits inflammatory agents and modulates the Inflammatory response within the joint. Treatment in horses with osteo-arthritis shows a significant clinical improvement in lameness (Frisbie et al. 2007). It can be used in the management of these horses, alone or in combination with other intra-articular or intra-muscular treatments.



### Procedure:

Whole blood (50 ml) is withdrawn from the horse directly into the IRAP syringe and mixed with medical-grade glass beads exposed to chromium sulphate. After processing (24 hrs), the serum is collected. This autologous conditioned serum has an increased concentration of anti-inflammatory mediators, and is re-injected in the same horse. The amount of serum collected is variable, but on average 4-5 treatment doses will be obtained.

### Prices:

Initial collection and processing £650  
Repeat intra-articular injections (mostly 4-5 every 2 weeks) £100.

### Extra Service for Referring Veterinary Surgeons

Many practices would like to use the IRAP system but do not have the facilities available to them.

However, we are able to help. For referring veterinary surgeons we can supply the IRAP® syringe and process the sample ready for use and this service will cost you **£500**.

If you would like more information on this treatment or would like to refer a case, please contact the equine clinic on:

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