SOP No: ATT 065

SUBJECT: Pregnancy Diagnosis by Rectal Palpation (April 2015)

REASON FOR USE: Detection of pregnancy in the horse

POLICY: These procedures may only be performed by operators who have been instructed in the correct techniques, and only under the supervision of a demonstrator skilled in the technique.

PRECAUTIONS: Horses used for this technique must be restrained in a crush and sedated.

EQUIPMENT: Palpation Gloves
Obstetrical Lubricant
Halter & lead
Crush
Tail bandage
Sedative of choice
18g needle and syringe

PROCEDURE:
1. Place the horse in a crush and sedate using intravenous injection.
2. Bandage the tail
3. Apply copious quantities of obstetrical lubricant to a gloved hand and arm.
4. Insert the hand and arm into the rectum very carefully and without putting pressure against the wall of the rectum. If the horse is straining or unsettled in any way remove it from the prac for that day.
5. Palpate the uterus and ovaries on both sides.
6. Wash the perineal region with a hose to remove all lubricant and remove the tail bandage.
7. Observe the animal for 15 minutes. If blood is observed in the perineal region, seek immediate veterinary assistance.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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