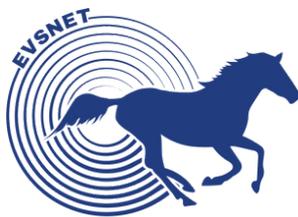


EVSNET

Summary Sheet



What does EVSNET do?

We collect electronic health data from a large portion of veterinary practices and laboratories across the UK. Extracts are used by scientists to help improve the health of the nation's horse population.

Why is your veterinary practice taking part in EVSNET?

There are a large number of veterinary practices, laboratories, universities, organisations and charities who all care about horse health and welfare that take part in EVSNET. The data provided by your practice is used to understand why horses get illnesses, and why they may be more likely to get a particular disease. With this information, we can reduce the risk of horses getting diseases, and if they do, offer improved advice and therapies.

How can your horse take part?

If you are happy for your horse to be involved, you don't need to do anything. We will automatically collect the following types of information each time you visit your veterinary surgeon:

- Species, breed, age, sex, castration status and microchip number
- Weight/ body condition score
- Vaccination history
- Why your horse was visited by the vet or brought to the vets
- The notes written from the visit

- Items purchased, treatments given and drugs prescribed
- Insurance status
- Stables/ owner postcode
- Unique anonymised identification numbers assigned to just you and your horse

How to opt-out of EVSNET

Opting out of EVSNET will have no impact on the care individual horse in this veterinary practice. Owners can request for data to be removed from EVSNET retrospectively by completing an opt-out form on the EVSNET webpage (www.liverpool.ac.uk/evsnet/removing-your-horse's-data). Veterinary practice staff can also complete this form on an owner's behalf when requested. All requests to remove data will be actioned, unless data has been included in an active research dataset or already published, in which case the data will be used for no further research.

What will EVSNET do with your information?

All the information we collect is stored securely at the University of Liverpool where it is used by EVSNET and EVSNET-approved researchers to better understand what makes horses like yours unwell and to aid disease prevention.

As well as scientific publications, results will be presented on our website to improve understanding of disease locally. Sometimes anonymous data may also be used to generate income (for example with companies). Any income is used to support the sustainability of EVSNET, ensuring that all horses in the UK can continue to benefit from this research for as long as possible.

Protecting your privacy

EVSNET has a responsibility under the Data Protection Act 2018 to protect your personal information. Your information will be protected in the same way. You and your horse will never be identifiable from any of the work outputs that use these data. EVSNET has ethical approval from the University of Liverpool. Benchmarking and clinical data research provides a tangible benefit to UK veterinary practice. In recognition of this, the RCVS Practice Standards Scheme awards points to practices that contribute clinical data to EVSNET. The ethical approval reference for EVSNET is RETH001080.

Further information

Visit our website for a downloadable EVSNET handbook which has more information on EVSNET.

Web: www.liverpool.ac.uk/evsnet/

Social media: @evsnet

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Tel: 0151 795 6080 (24-hour messaging service to request further information).

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You can also contact the University of Liverpool, Research Ethics and Integrity Office if you have any further concerns. Their contact details can be found in your practice's EVSNET handbook that can be found on our website.



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