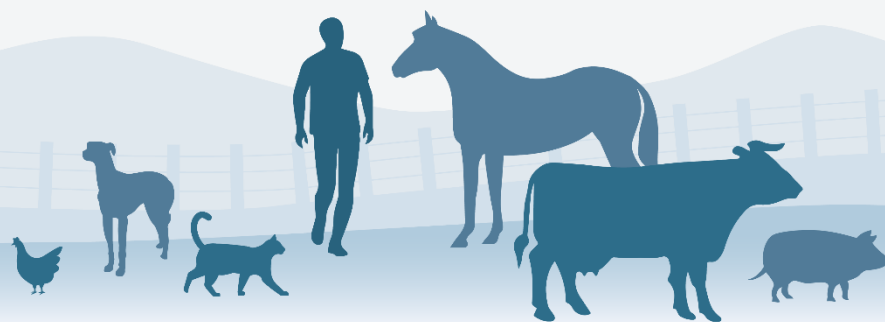




Use of antibiotics in (equine) surgical cases

RISK INDEX FOR SURGICAL INFECTION

CLEAN: Non-traumatic, uninfected. No break in aseptic technique, no inflammation. Elective, closed primarily and no drain used.

CLEAN-CONTAMINATED: Controlled entering of a hollow muscular viscus, minor break in aseptic technique.

CONTAMINATED: Open, fresh traumatic wound. Incision into a site with acute, non-purulent inflammation. Major break in aseptic technique.

DIRTY: Pus encountered during surgery. Perforated viscus found. Traumatic wound with devitalised tissue, foreign material or faecal contamination, or of more than 4 hour duration.

