**Post-operative management of the ventriculectomy procedure**

Anti-biotics are not administered routinely. The laryngotomy wound is cleaned twice daily and the animal confined for the 2-3 weeks it takes for the wound to heal. After this period the horse is hand walked. The horse may be back to work 8 weeks following surgery.

The tracheostomy tube may be left in the laryngotomy opening until the patient recovers from general anaesthesia.