

Premium Assured Strangles Scheme NEWS



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*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

*From the
PASS Team*

Together we can beat Strangles

We are delighted to be supporting Redwings Horse Sanctuary's 'STAMP OUT STRANGLES' campaign.

Please pledge your support and join our PASS Scheme tool



Help and Advice on strangles:

<https://www.redwings.org.uk/strangles/help-and-advice>

Strangles Information Pack:

https://www.redwings.org.uk/sites/default/files/redwings_strangles_pack_single.pdf

For Vets:

<https://www.redwings.org.uk/strangles/for-vets>

'Brrrr... it's getting cold outside'



FACT: Strangles isn't killed by freezing temperatures!

Please be vigilant!

Visit our website for more information

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Welcome to our PASS newsletter - the first national testing and management scheme to control Strangles. This issue is for yard owners, horse owning clients and veterinary practices.

Strangles Smart

*An Interview with Shirley Melling,
Horse Unit Manager at SRUC Oatridge College*

I came to SRUC Oatridge as a student, then went on to work at another yard where I had previously completed my work experience and returned to SRUC as the Horse Unit Manager around 6 years ago.

How long has the yard been a member of PASS?

Oatridge College registered for PASS in 2015, and currently holds SILVER status. We have 21 horses, cared for by SRUC staff and between 70-100 students. Our vet practice is the University of Edinburgh Dick Vet Equine.

What are the benefits of the scheme?

Membership of PASS and adhering to the guidelines has given us confidence that we are doing everything we can to avoid getting strangles at the yard. It shows a serious commitment to health control and that we are acting responsibly, especially as we are linked to SNEC (Scottish National Equestrian Centre) which is such an important venue for training and competitions. We want the yard and the venue to retain the highest possible reputation, so PASS membership helps supports our health policies.

How does the yard interface with SNEC?

The Students can use our horses and SNEC Facilities; we encourage the students to watch competitions held there, but to ensure they apply good biosecurity if they handle another horse. We hire out stables during the summer months when competitions are on, but we ensure they remove all bedding and we fully clean and disinfect the stables before our horses use them. When we are not in we lock up the yard to avoid any chance of disease getting in. We have disinfectant foot mats at both the front and rear of the yard to try and stop any infections coming in by foot.

Do you have any advice for people out competing?

Stay away from the kick boards around the outside of the arena, they are the perfect height for horses to touch with their nose and mouth, and the perfect height for people to lean on and pick up any bacteria. We always try to disinfect the kick boards and carry antibacterial hand gel with us, if we go elsewhere.



Pictured: Shirley Melling with Belle

If you are a PASS member or just about to join our scheme, we can feature you in our next newsletter

Please email us if you are interested in promoting your yard

