

Supplementary File 1:

Effect of Coronavirus Pandemic on United Kingdom Horses and Horse Owners Survey Questions

The survey was designed as an online questionnaire (Survey Monkey®, San Mateo, CA, USA) with 16 closed questions and 1 open free text question. Details of question text and available responses are provided in Table S1 below.

Table S1: Survey questions overview; MCQ: multiple choice question

Question number	Question type	Question text	Answer choices
1	MCQ	Which area of the UK are you in?	South West South East London East East Midlands West Midlands Wales North West Yorkshire and Humber North East Scotland Northern Ireland
2	MCQ	How many horses and or ponies do you have?	1 2 3 4 5-10 More than 10
3	MCQ	Do you keep your horses/ponies....	At Home - Stables and/or Field At a Livery Yard - DIY At A Livery Yard - Part Livery At a Livery Yard - Full Livery In a Field (not your own) Other (please specify)
4	MCQ	Have you had to change the management of your horse because of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic?	Not at all Slightly Moderately A lot
5	MCQ	If you have had to make changes were these your own choice?	Yes No
6	MCQ	Have you had to reduce the number of times a day you visit your horse/horses?	Yes No
7	MCQ	Are you still able to ride your horse?	Yes, as normal Yes, but reduced due to constraints placed on me by others Yes, but reduced due to my own choice No, due to constraints No, my own choice

			Not applicable - my horse is not ridden/wasn't being ridden
8	MCQ	Have you been told or seen advice to "rough your horse off" and turn him/her away to the field?	Yes No
9	MCQ	Is your horse likely to have to undergo prolonged stable confinement as a result of COVID-19?	Yes No Not sure
10	MCQ	If your horse has medical/health issues that require specific management (e.g. EMS, laminitis, gastric ulcers, chronic lameness, asthma, sweet itch, etc) has your yard accommodated for horses' needs?	Yes - I don't have to follow rules set by yard manager/owner Yes - I have had to change my management but appropriate measures have been put in place to ensure the health of my horse No - I have no control over the future management of my horse Not applicable - my horse does not have any medical issues Not applicable - my horse lives at home
11	MCQ	In light of the changes to routine needed to reduce the spread of COVID-19, are you concerned for the health of your horse?	Yes Slightly No
12	MCQ	Has your yard implemented measures to allow for social distancing?	Yes No Not applicable - I keep my horse privately
13	MCQ	Do you feel the measures which have been implemented at your yard are satisfactory?	Yes No Not applicable - I keep my horse privately
14	Checkbox – multi answer	Please indicate which measures have been implemented at your yard (please tick all that apply)	One visit to horse per day "Buddy" group set up Hand sanitisers or soap and water made available Disinfection of shared areas or items (e.g. brooms, wheelbarrows, forks) Allocated visiting times to avoid contact with others Formal advice/instructions on COVID-19 printed and posted or sent by email/mobile on policy No measures have been implemented Not applicable - I keep my horses privately Other (please specify)

15	MCQ	Have changes to services provided by equine professionals such as vets, farriers, dentists and physios affected the health of your horses?	Yes No - But expect they will at some stage soon No - But expect they will in several months' time No - Don't expect them to at anytime
16	MCQ	Many people have lost or may lose their jobs/income as a result of COVID-19. Are you concerned that the ongoing situation may make it difficult to provide for your horses' needs (e.g. livery costs, feed, forage, farrier bills, vets bills)?	Yes No Not sure Prefer not to say
17	Open	Are there any other comments you would like to make?	Open response