

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

PROJECT TITLE: A survey of respiratory health and management in Australian horses

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE APPROVAL NUMBER: H-2019-***

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Dr Surita du Preez

STUDENT RESEARCHER: Jewel Azaria Tan

STUDENT'S DEGREE: Honours

Dear Participant,

You are invited to participate in the research project described below.

What is the project about?

Horses can have asthma too. We know from studies of populations of Thoroughbreds and French Standardbreds in race training in the US and France respectively, that 57-80% of horses have the mild to moderate form of asthma, which use to be called inflammatory airway disease (IAD). Also, studies in the UK and EU have identified that 14-20% of horses are affected by the severe form of asthma, which use to be called recurrent airway obstruction (RAO) or heaves. Additionally, asthma is one of the main causes of poor performance, being diagnosed in 70% of horses presented to clinics for poor performance, in studies in Australia and the UK. Asthma results in poor performance or poor willingness to go forward in race, pleasure and sport horses and may be associated with chronic intermittent coughing and/or nasal discharge.

This survey will be sent to as many equestrian associations as possible to maximise exposure to, and participation by, the Australian horse owning public. This horse health survey is designed to help us determine what percentage of horses, in the general Australian horse population, are likely affected by asthma. Additionally, it will identify Australian specific risk factors for the development of asthma. If we know what the risk factors are, we can prevent disease development and better manage horses that are already affected

Who is undertaking the project?

This study is being conducted by **Ms. Jewel Tan** (Animal Science Honour's, The University of Adelaide), **Dr Surita du Preez** (Equine Internal Medicine, The University of Adelaide), **Dr Samantha Franklin** (Equine Sports Medicine, The University of Adelaide) and **Dr Jackie Cardwell** (Epidemiology, The Royal Veterinary College, UK).

This research will form the basis for the degree of Honours in Animal Science at the University of Adelaide under the supervision of Dr Surita du Preez and Dr Samantha Franklin.

The prize draw for participants completing the survey is kindly sponsored by Kentucky Equine Research Centre and Barastoc Horse Feeds. All participants entering the prize draw stand a chance to win a first prize of a \$100 Kentucky Equine Research (KER) voucher, 2nd through 5th prize of a \$50 KER voucher. The next 50 draws will receive a voucher for their choice of a bag of Calm Performer or Complete Performer from Barastoc Horse Feeds.

Why am I being invited to participate?

You are being invited as you are part of the Australian horse community. This survey is restricted to horse owners/trainers/carers in Australia. Knowledge of the horse's management, including housing and feeding as well as general health over the previous 12 months is required.

What am I being invited to do?

You are being invited to participate in a confidential survey related to respiratory health and management of horses in Australia. The survey should only take approximately 15 min to complete. During this survey, questions will be asked that relate to your horse, it's health, use and management practices including feeding and housing. Knowledge of the horse's management, including housing and feeding practices, as well as general health over the last 12 months is required.

At the end of the survey, you will be asked if you would like to enter the prize draw or if you would like to participate in future studies relating to the respiratory health of horses. If you would like to participate in either, you will be requested to provide your full name, email address and telephone number.

How much time will my involvement in the project take?

This survey should only take approximately 15 minutes to complete

Are there any risks associated with participating in this project?

There are no foreseeable risks associated with participation in this survey.

Completion of the survey is voluntary, and you may choose to withdraw from the survey at any time prior to submission and up to one month after submission of your survey response.

What are the potential benefits of the research project?

This is a horse health questionnaire designed to help us determine what percentage of horses, in the general Australian horse population, are likely affected by asthma. Additionally, it will identify Australian specific risk factors for the development of asthma. If we know what the risk factors are, we can prevent disease development and better manage horses that are already affected.

This epidemiological investigation of equine asthma and associated risk factors in Australia will be beneficial as it is expected to highlight factors important to the treatment, management and prevention of equine asthma as well as directing future research.

Can I withdraw from the project?

Submission of your survey responses is considered as your consent to participate, and that you have read and understood the above information. Should you choose to withdraw your response after submission, this needs to be done within one month after completion, by contacting Dr Surita du Preez. If you choose to participate anonymously you will not be able to withdraw once you have submitted.

What will happen to my information?

Your data will be de-identified and will remain anonymous in publications. The de-identified data may be used in future research by other researchers. Only aggregate results and not individual results will be reported in any publications. The results of this study will be disseminated through the University of Adelaide's Equine Health and Performance Centre website (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/vetsci/centres/ehpc/>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/equinehealthcentre>) as well as scientific journals and the Honours thesis of Miss Jewel Azaria Tan. Partial results may be presented at scientific conferences.

Your contact information will only be used for the prize draw or if you have indicated that you are happy to be contacted for follow on studies, your contact details and data will be kept on a secure, password protected University of Adelaide data base and only accessed by Dr Surita du Preez and Dr Samantha Franklin for the purposes of participant recruitment for future studies.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the project?

If you have any questions regarding this study, please do not hesitate to contact

- Dr Surita du Preez (Principle investigator)
surita.dupreez@adelaide.edu.au
(08) 8313 1999 (option 2)
- Dr Samantha Franklin (Co-investigator)
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(08) 8313 1999 (option 2)
- Dr Jackie Cardwell (Co-investigator)
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- Miss Jewel Azaria Tan (Student researcher)
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What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Adelaide (approval number H-2019-xxx). This research project will be conducted according to the NHMRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (Updated 2018). If you have questions or problems associated with the practical aspects of your participation in the project, or wish to raise a concern or complaint about the project, then you should consult the Principal Investigator. If you wish to speak with an independent person regarding concerns or a complaint, the University's policy on research involving human participants, or your rights as a participant, please contact the Human Research Ethics Committee's Secretariat on:

Phone: +61 8 8313 6028

Email: hrec@adelaide.edu.au

Post: Level 4, Rundle Mall Plaza, 50 Rundle Mall, ADELAIDE SA 5000

Any complaint or concern will be treated in confidence and fully investigated. You will be informed of the outcome.

If I want to participate, what do I do?

You can participate in the study by simply clicking on the link or scanning the QR code to the survey. However, the minimum age for participants is 16 years. During this survey, questions will be asked that relate to your horse, it's health, use and management practices including feeding and housing. Knowledge of the horse's management, including housing and feeding practices, as well as general health over the last 12 months is required

Submission of your survey responses is considered as your consent to participate, and that you have read and understood the above information. Should you choose to withdraw your response after submission this needs to be done within 1 month of completion. Please contact the principle investigator, Dr Surita du Preez on surita.dupreez@adelaide.edu.au

NB. If you choose to participate anonymously, you cannot withdraw once the survey is submitted.

Yours sincerely

Dr Surita du Preez, Senior Lecturer in Equine Internal Medicine

Miss Jewel Azaria Tan, Animal Science Honours Student

Dr Sam Franklin, Associate Professor in Equine Physiology

Dr Jackie Cardwell, Associate Professor in Epidemiology



PROMOTION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SCHEDULE											
Promotion	<p>A confidential questionnaire regarding respiratory health and management in Australian horses.</p> <p>At the end of the survey, you will be asked if you would like to enter the prize draw. If you would like to participate, you will be requested to provide your full name, email address and telephone number.</p> <p>This is a game of chance in other words, the prize will be drawn randomly rather than being awarded on skill or merit.</p>										
Promotional Period	<p>The survey will be released on 2 March 2020 and final participation in the survey and entry into the prize draw must be received no later than 27 April 2020 at 23:55 ACST on.</p>										
Entry Restrictions	<p>Entry is free and open to all members of the Australian horse community. This survey is restricted to horse owners/trainers/carers in Australia. Knowledge of the horse's management, including housing and feeding as well as general health over the previous 12 months is required.</p>										
Maximum Entries	<p>Only one entry is permitted per horse</p>										
How to Enter	<p>To enter, individuals must complete all aspects of the survey. At the end of the survey, you will be asked if you would like to enter the prize draw. If you would like to participate, you will be requested to provide your full name, email address and telephone number.</p>										
Draw Details	<p>At the end of the Promotional Period, the Promoter will hold a random draw to determine the winners.</p>										
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Notification of Winners	<p>Winners will be notified via text message and vouchers will be sent to the winners via email within 14 calendar days of the conclusion of the survey.</p>										
Publication Details	<p>Winners names will be published on the University of Adelaide's Equine Health and Performance Centre website (http://www.adelaide.edu.au/vetsci/centres/ehpc/) and Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/equinehealthcentre) 12 May 2020</p>										
Prize Claim Details	<p>To redeem 1st through 5th prizes, the Kentucky Equine Research gift certificates, winners must visit shopau.ker.com and enter the unique code on the gift certificate. To redeem 6th through 55th prizes, the Barastoc Horse Feed vouchers, the winners may visit any Barastoc stockist. All prizes must be claimed prior to the expiration date on the gift certificate/voucher.</p>										

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Information on how to enter the Promotion forms part of these Terms and Conditions. Participation in this Promotion is deemed to be acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
2. The Promoter is the University of Adelaide: (ABN 61 249 878 937 and CRICOS Number: 00123M).
3. The Promoter reserves the right, at any time, to verify the validity of entries and entrants and reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whom the Promoter believes has breached any of these Terms and Conditions.
4. If there is a dispute as to the identity of an entrant, the Promoter reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine the identity of the entrant.
5. Entrants under the age of 18 years must have parent or guardian consent to enter the Promotion
6. Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable and cannot be taken as cash.
7. The Promoter makes no representation, expressly or implied, as to the quality, reliability or suitability of the prizes and expressly disclaims any liability. Any problems associated with the prizes should be brought to the attention of the supplier of the prize.
8. If for any reason a winner does not redeem a prize within 30 days of the date of notification, then that prize will be forfeited and the Promoter may determine a replacement winner of that prize in its sole discretion.
9. The Promoter is not responsible for any additional costs associated with winning this Promotion or any Prize.
10. The Promoter reserves the right in their sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Promotion at any time.
11. The Promoter's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. The winners and entrants agree to participate and co-operate as required in all editorial and promotional activities relating to this Promotion.
13. All entries will be the property of the Promoter. The Promoter may use the name of any entrant and any entries in the Promotion for promotional, marketing and publicity purposes without compensation.
14. By participating in this Promotion, each entrant affirms that he/she is the creator of and owner of copyright in the entry and that the entry does not infringe any third party rights and assigns to the Promoter the whole of the copyright of their entries.
15. Non-compliant and inappropriate entries will be excluded from the Promotion at the discretion of the Promoter.
16. The Promoter reserves the right, at its sole discretion and at any time, to verify the validity of entries and entrants and reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whom the Promoter believes has breached any of these Terms and Conditions.
17. In submitting an entry, the entrant agrees to indemnify the Promoter and its officers, directors, employees, agents, subsidiaries, successors and assigns, against any liability or damages of any kind, including legal fees and costs, resulting from any claim of infringement of copyright or any personal or proprietary right of any person or entity in relation to the entry.
18. This Promotion is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, any social media platform. Entrants release all relevant social media platforms which may be used in connection with this Promotion from any loss or liability they may incur as a result of the Promotion.
19. Each entrant agrees that the Promoter may publish or cause to be published the winner's name in any media as required under any relevant lottery legislation (but by entering into this promotion each entrant is deemed to request that the entrant's address is not published).
20. Personal information provided with the entry will be used by the University of Adelaide for the purposes of processing and judging the entries and will be handled in accordance with the University's Privacy Policy (available at www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/62). The names of prize winners and shortlisted entrants will be made public.