

# ***Swiftsure Equine Veterinary Services***

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## **Joint Injection Aftercare Instructions**

On the day of the joint injection the horse is to be stalled for 24 hours in order to keep the bandages dry and in place, as well as limiting movement for 24 hours. The bandages should stay on overnight, or for at least 4 hours. They may be removed in the morning. Your horse was given Bute intravenously today and does not require additional pain control.

Day 1 Post Injection: Keep the horse quiet in a stall for 24 hours. Monitor for any heat, pain, lameness, fever or swelling in the limbs.

Day 2, 3 & 4 Post Injection: Keep the horse quiet in a small paddock. Monitor for any heat, pain, lameness, fever or swelling in the limbs.

Day 5, 6, & 7 Post Injection: Light work is permitted. Light work can include walk/trot/light canter or lunging. No jumping and no collection permitted. Monitor for any heat, pain, swelling, or lameness in the limbs.

Day 8 Post Injection: Return to normal workload is permitted.

### **Potential Complications:**

Joint Flare: Occurs 24 to 48 hrs (Day 1-2) post injection and appears as hot, painful swelling of the joint and limb.

Joint Infection: Occurs 72 to 120 hrs (Day 3-5) post injection and appears as hot, painful swelling of the joint and limb.

Laminitis: Occurs usually 1 week post injection and appears as hot painful feet in any limb.

**If any of these symptoms occur or you have any other concerns, please contact Swiftsure Equine immediately at (250) 588-9438 for further instruction.**

If your horse is sensitive to Bute, other medications may be added or substituted such as Omeprazole and Previcox, respectively.