

Equine Grass Sickness vaccine trial

The Animal Health Trust is leading a ground-breaking nationwide trial of a vaccine for the prevention of Equine Grass Sickness (EGS). The current theory is that EGS is a toxico-infectious form of botulism caused by *Clostridium botulinum* type C. Half of the horses and ponies on the trial will be vaccinated with a *Clostridium botulinum* type C vaccine; the other half of the horses and ponies will receive an inactive placebo injection, and the incidence of EGS will be compared between the two groups. The hope is that this often fatal disease is preventable.

We are now enrolling for 2015, get involved in the trial before Spring when EGS is most prolific.

You may be eligible to participate in the vaccine trial if your horse/pony:

- 1** Has a valid **horse passport**
- 2** Lives on a premises that has had at least **one case of EGS in the last three years**

Please contact the Animal Health Trust for more information:

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