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To whom it may concern,

Veterinary surgeons from the practice regularly attend Bovington Saddle Club for the routine and emergency care of liveries and club horses and ponies.

We have been working closely with yard staff and owners recently following the development of an upper respiratory tract infection in a number of horses. Laboratory tests have isolated the bacterium *Streptococcus equi* which is the cause of strangles.

We support the positive decision to close the yard in the short term. This is to reduce the risk of infection to non-Bovington horses. Additionally any affected horses on the yard are under veterinary care and are being isolated to reduce the spread of the infection within the yard.

We will continue to work closely with the yard manager and other staff to manage the disease and will advise re-opening the yard as soon as the risk to other horses has reduced.

Yours sincerely,

Damory Equine Vets.