

## **Equine Veterinary Journal**



**Supplementary Item 4:** Horse owner's opinions (n = 1,552) of how they would react to specific, isolated changes in and behaviour in their horse in an online survey of horse owners' knowledge and understanding of colic.

This table provides the detail of the data for the questions on how owners would respond to changes in their horse's behaviour, specifically whether they would monitor/observe or call the veterinarian.

Behavioural changes	Number of	Monitor or	Call a veterinary	Alternative	Decision significantly associated with
	respondents	observe horse	surgeon	response	
Quiet/depressed	1,543	83% (n = 1,280)	12% (n = 178)	5% (n = 85)	
Fence/Box walking	1,544	79% (n = 1,220)	8% (n = 127)	13% (n = 197)	Age of the owner (p<0.01) or experience
					of a colic case in the previous year
					(p<0.01)
Weight shifting from	1,546	70% (n = 1,075)	16% (n = 241)	24% (n = 230)	
one foot to another					
Pawing at floor (not	1,538	59% (n = 914)	31% (n = 484)	10% (n = 140)	Previous experience of a critical case (p =
in response to food					0.025)
or other stimulus)					
Rolling >5 minutes	1,552	6% (n = 99)	90% (n = 1,390)	4% (n = 63)	If owner had qualifications of college level
or multiple times (4+)					or higher (p = 0.048)
in 30 minutes					
Restlessly lying	1,548	9% (n = 134)	88% (1,358)	3% (n = 56)	
down and getting up					
(4+ times in 30					
minute period)					

Lying down and	1,546	29% (n = 451)	65% (n = 1,002)	6% (n = 93)	Previous experience of a critical case (p =
getting up (2-3 times					0.043)
in 30 minutes)					
Kicking at abdomen	1,546	30% (n = 467)	65% (n = 999)	5% (n = 80)	
(no obvious external					
stimulus e.g. flies)					
Flank watching	1,547	45% (n = 689)	50% (n = 770)	5% (n = 88)	
Inappetant	1,547	51% (n = 789)	42% (n = 648)	7% (n = 110)	