**S1 Table. Inclusion and exclusion criteria**

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| **Group** | **Inclusion criteria** | **Exclusion criteria** |
| **Horse owner with horse at home** | * Horse owner within Aberdeenshire region. * Owner of ≥ 1 native type horse/pony kept on their home residence. | * Horse owners with non-native breed type horses / ponies. * Horse owners with all horses / ponies at livery. |
| **Horse owner with horse at livery** | * Horse owner within Aberdeenshire region. * Owner of ≥ 1 native type horse/pony kept at an establishment or area outside of their home residence, for which they pay an additional fee for housing their horse. | * Horse owners with non-native breed type horses / ponies. * Horse owners with all horses / ponies at home. |
| **Farriers** | * Registered farriers in the Aberdeenshire region | * Unregistered farrier |
| **Equine veterinarian** | * Registered veterinarian practicing in the Aberdeenshire region. * Specialism in equine or mixed large animal practice. | * Specialist small or farm animal veterinarian. |
| **Welfare Centre Manager** | * Manager of an equine welfare centre registered charity in the UK. | * Manager of welfare centre that is not a registered charity * Manager of welfare centres excluding equids. |

The inclusion and exclusion criteria used for sampling appropriate sub-populations to gain insight into laminitis and obesity concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic.