**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.
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| **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.
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| **Farriers**  | * Registered farriers in the Aberdeenshire region
 | * Unregistered farrier
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| **Equine veterinarian**  | * Registered veterinarian practicing in the Aberdeenshire region.
* Specialism in equine or mixed large animal practice.
 | * Specialist small or farm animal veterinarian.
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| **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.
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