**Equine Postoperative Ileus Insights**

P.H. Hudson, MA, VetMB, PhD, DEIM, DipVetClinStud, MRCVS, a senior lecturer at the University of...s and inflammation's role in the disorder, and lidocaine's effects on postoperative ileus. "there is still much we have to learn." He said questions still remain about the differences between healthy and...Although veterinarians have made strides in understanding and managing postoperative ileus, Hudson said, TAKE...

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...cells likely play a role in developing and maintaining ileus, he said. Recent research suggests there is a significant inflammatory component to postoperative ileus, he said, possibly...

...intestinal macrophages (specialized white blood cells that kill and "clean up" damaged tissue and cells) and mast...

...metoclopramide, erythromycin, and bethanecol, Hudson said. Which are now largely thought to be anti...

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