**Caslicks Considerations**

**Pre-Operative**

* Ensure the horse has been exhibiting wind sucking or evaluate the perineal area to determine if the anatomy of the horse may cause faeces to fall into the vagina
* The vagina should be free of any debris or purulent material suggestive of an infection
* If there is already an infection, it should be managed before the surgery is done, through antibiotic flushes.

**Intra-Operative**

* The outermost skin of the vulva should be cut to have a surface to bind to the opposite lip of the vulva
* A simple interrupted suture pattern should be used to prevent all of the suture material pulled out at once if they somehow fail
* Local anaesthetic should be administered to fill the lips of vulva at multiple points
* This can be done over a low enough barn door in a way that the horse does not kick the person doing the procedure.

**Post-Operative**

* The surgical site should be checked to ensure stitches are placed properly and too tight on the vulva
* There should be enough space at the bottom of the vulva where no stitches were placed for the horse to urinate
* The horse should be discouraged from scratching the rear end on fences or as the stitches can become undone