**Caslicks Indications**

Caslicks surgeries are done on horses that are found to exhibit pneumovagina “wind sucking”. This is characterised by the horse sucking air into the vagina and this has the potential to cause an infection due to contamination by bacteria. Wind sucking may be caused from an injury to the vulva or improper conformation of the vulva.

Another reason for doing caslicks surgeries is to prevent faeces from entering the vagina due to a sunken vagina. This is a defect of the anatomy of the horse in question and faeces would fall into her vagina and cause infections if the upper vulva is not stitched.

Caslicks surgeries are most of the time done in breeding mares during the period of pregnancy as they no longer need the vulva to open fully for breeding as they are already pregnant. This prevents an infection from occurring in the vagina which could spread and compromise the foetus.