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EQUINE GI TRACT

Care, Handling, and Maintenance

The VSI equine GI tract large intestine model consists of 5 components; left and right ventral colon, left and right dorsal colon, and cecum, assembled to form the complete large intestine with representative membranes. Each component is separately partitioned to allow inflation of individual sections.

This unit is fabricated in natural latex rubber, which is relatively durable, but must still be handled with care. Keep the model away from sharp or abrasive objects and surfaces. **Do not over-inflate.** Over-inflation may cause ruptures, damage, and deformities. Use only the hand-pump provided to inflate to a pillow-like firmness. Avoid rough handling and stressful manipulation of the model; treat it as if it were a real equine colon.

VSI GI tract simulators also include a short piece of small intestine model. This should also be carefully inflated, and is intended to represent a condition of inflated intestine blocking the palpation area directly anterior to the pelvic opening. The small intestine model is held in place in the VSI horse model by being looped and stuffed into the oval opening of the black plastic mount. The mount is laid into the contoured area antero-ventral to the pelvic bones.

Please note:

Latex rubbers are sensitive to **ultra-violet light**, therefore the model should always be kept out of direct sunlight. **Petroleum products** such as Vaseline will also break down latex; when handling the model ensure your hands are free of such products.

Clean the model with mild soap and water. Never use harsh chemicals or solvents on the latex surface. Store partially inflated, sprinkled with talcum powder.

Should the model become torn, it can be quickly repaired with the provided latex repair kit. Rubber cement, contact cement, or latex may also be used.

Please contact Veterinary Simulator Industries Ltd. for specific repair instructions or any concerns or inquiries.

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